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MIATOR GIRLS NAGISA AOI SHIZUMA HANAZONO TAMAO SUZUMI CHIYO TSUKIDATE
SPICA GIRLS HIKARI KONOHANA AMANE OTORI YAYA NANTO TSUBOMI OKUWAKA
LULIM GIRLS KIZUNA HYUGA CHIKARU MINAMOTO LEMON NATSUME KAGOME BYAKUDAN

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THE TIME FOR US TO PART HAS COME.
BUT PLEASE UNDER-STAND...
YOU DO KNOW... WHAT KIND OF PERSON I AM, RIGHT?
BUT, ONEESAMA, I STILL WANT TO BE WITH YOU!
I'M DEEPLY SADDENED TO LEAVE YOU, TOO.
Y-YES...
I'M SORRY...
HIC
SNIFF
IT'S JUST... I WAS VERY HAPPY TO BE WITH YOU, ONEESAMA.
YOU'VE FILLED ME WITH MORE JOY THAN I COULD POSSIBLY IMAGINE.
I... I CAN'T ASK FOR ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT.

Chapter 1: The Girls' Garden

IT'S SO CUTE!
MY NEW UNIFORM...
GRR... MY ROUND, CHILDISH FACE WON'T HELP WITH THAT ANY!
PULL むー
むー PULL
HEY, MAYBE I'LL LOOK MORE MATURE WHEN I WEAR IT.
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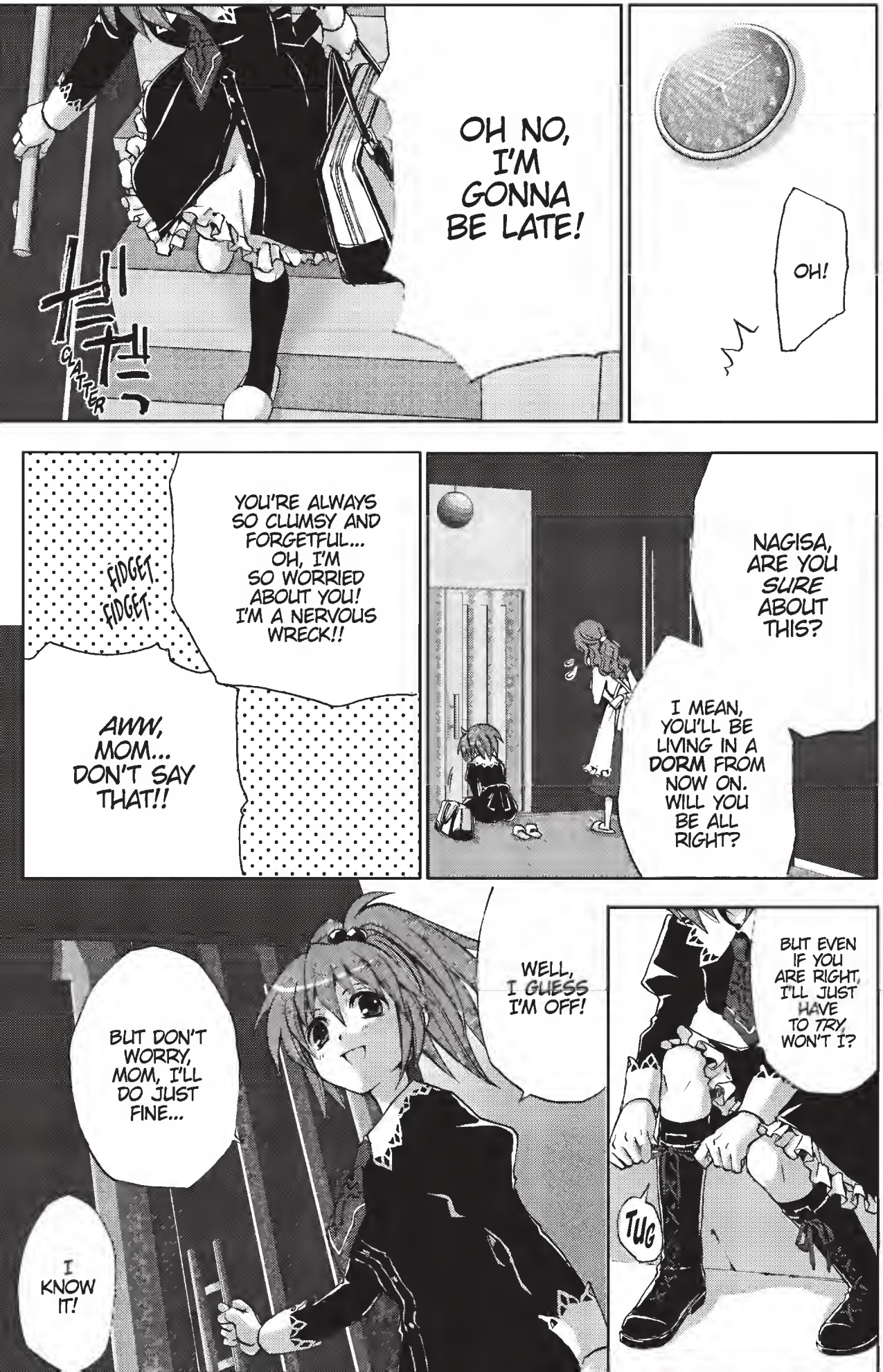
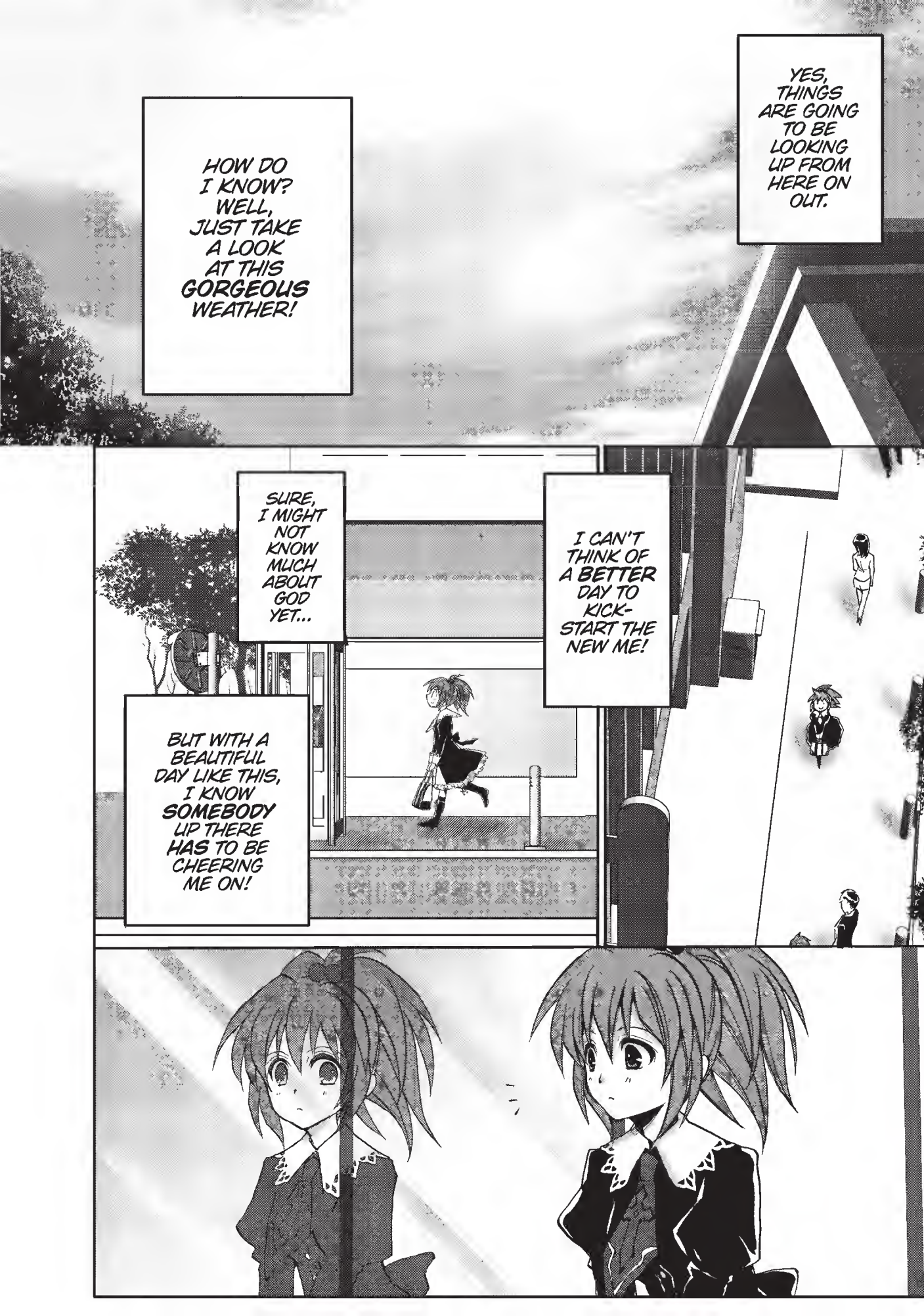
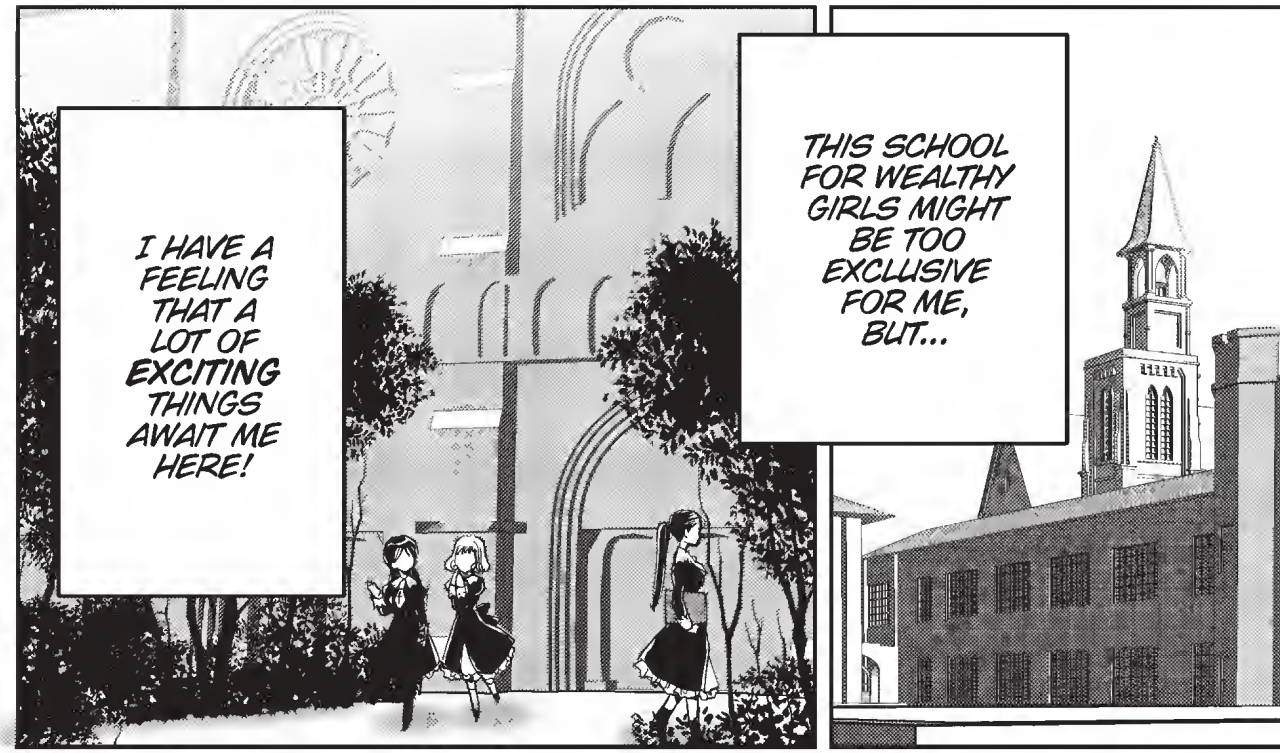
BCWM
BUT AT LEAST MY SMILE IS AS CUTE AS EVER!
HEE HEE...


OH NO, I'M GONNA BE LATE!
CLATTER
OH!
NAGISA, ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
I MEAN, YOU'LL BE LIVING IN A DORM FROM NOW ON. WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT?
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO CLUMSY AND FORGETFUL... OH, I'M SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU! I'M A NERVOUS WRECK!!
FIDGET FIDGET
AWW, MOM... DON'T SAY THAT!!
BUT EVEN IF YOU ARE RIGHT, I'LL JUST HAVE TO TRY, WON'T I?
TUG
WELL, I GUESS I'M OFF!
BUT DON'T WORRY, MOM, I'LL DO JUST FINE...
I KNOW IT!


YES, THINGS ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING UP FROM HERE ON OUT.
HOW DO I KNOW? WELL, JUST TAKE A LOOK AT THIS GORGEOUS WEATHER!
I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER DAY TO KICK-START THE NEW ME!
SURE, I MIGHT NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT GOD YET...
BUT WITH A BEAUTIFUL DAY LIKE THIS, I KNOW SOMEBODY UP THERE HAS TO BE CHEERING ME ON!

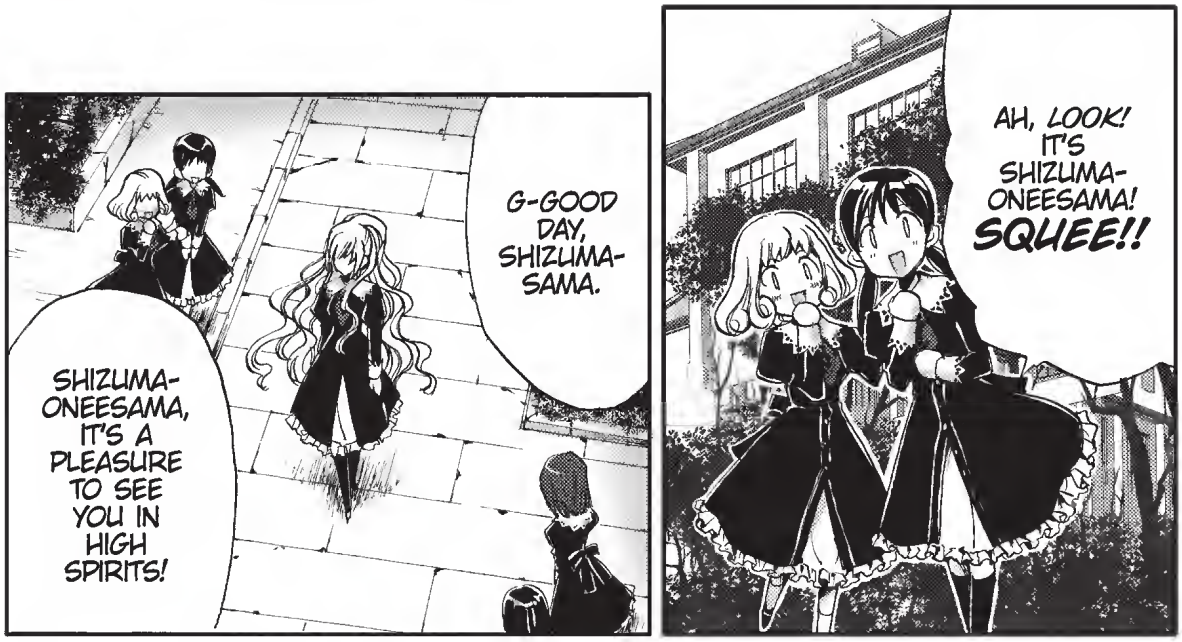
GLISSE
GLISSE
TWIRL
TWIRL
.....
HEE HEE HEE.
HEY, I ACTUALLY LOOK PRETTY GOOD IN THIS UNIFORM!
FLOOSH
ふわっ
WHA?!
OH NO! SOMEONE MIGHT SEE MY PANTIES!

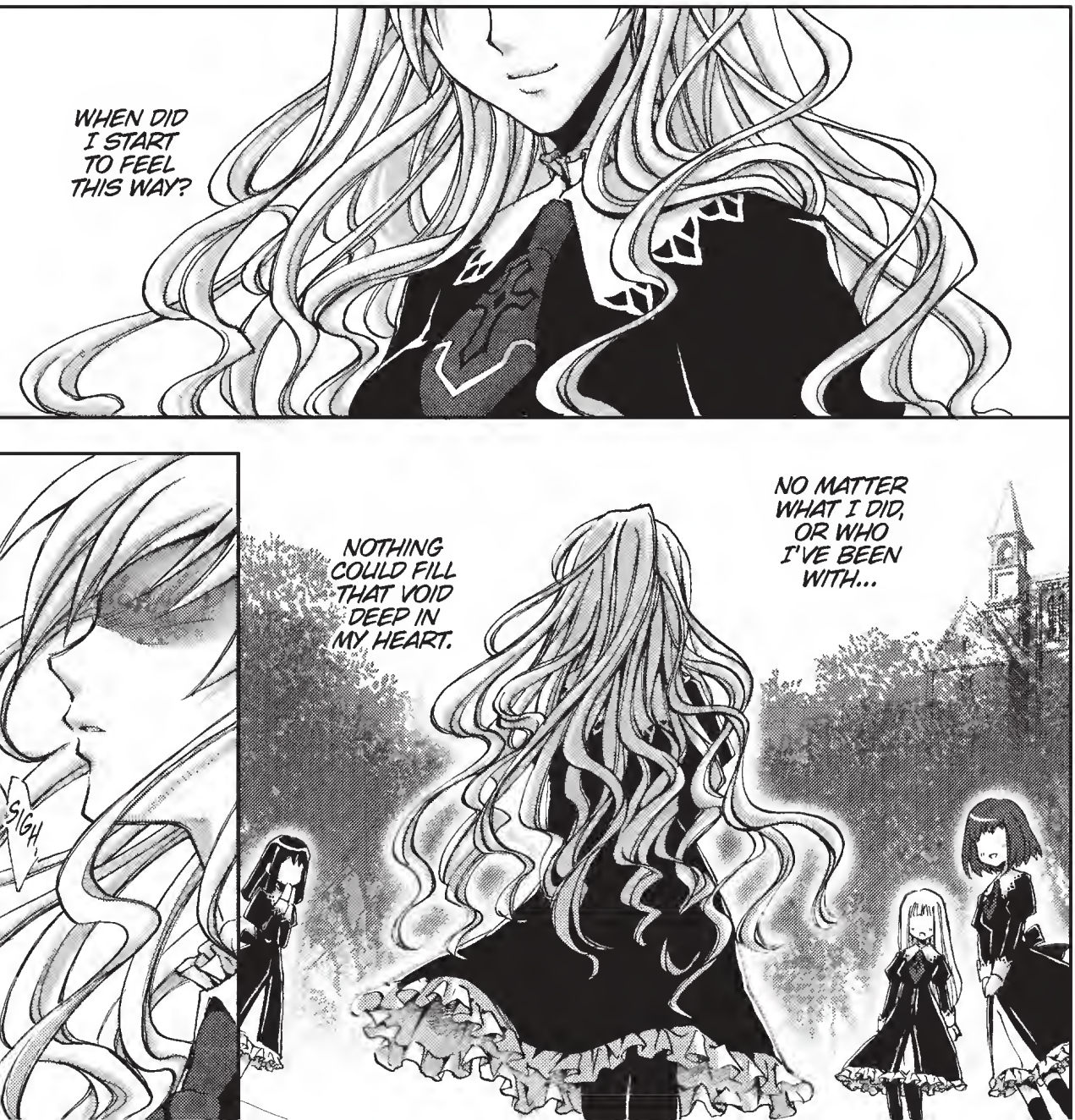
YES, TODAY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF MY NEW SCHOOL LIFE.
A BRAND-NEW UNIFORM AND A WHOLE NEW SCHOOL TO GO WITH IT.

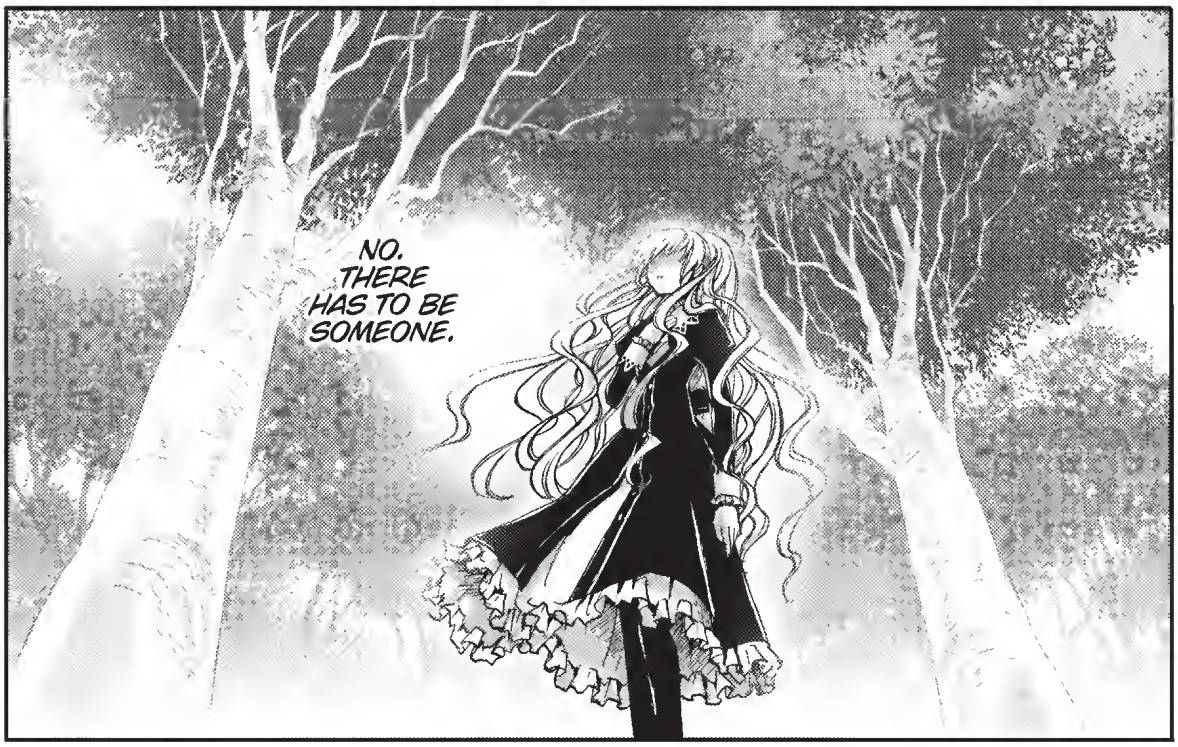

I HAVE A FEELING THAT A LOT OF EXCITING THINGS AWAIT ME HERE!
THIS SCHOOL FOR WEALTHY GIRLS MIGHT BE TOO EXCLUSIVE FOR ME, BUT...

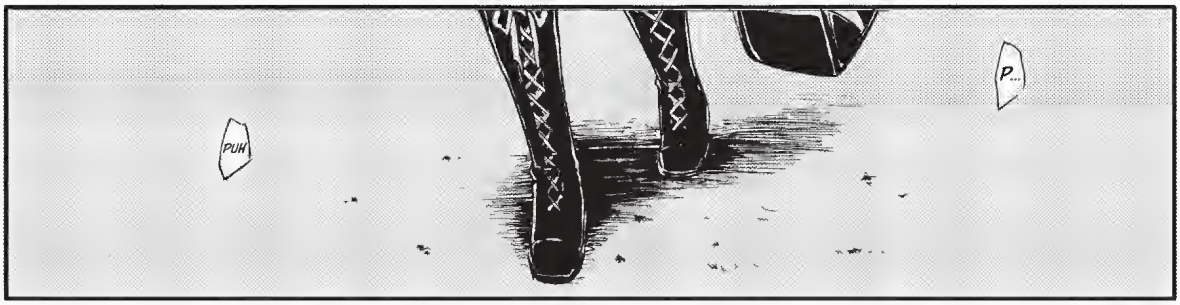
HELLO...
ST. MIATOR GIRLS' ACADEMY!

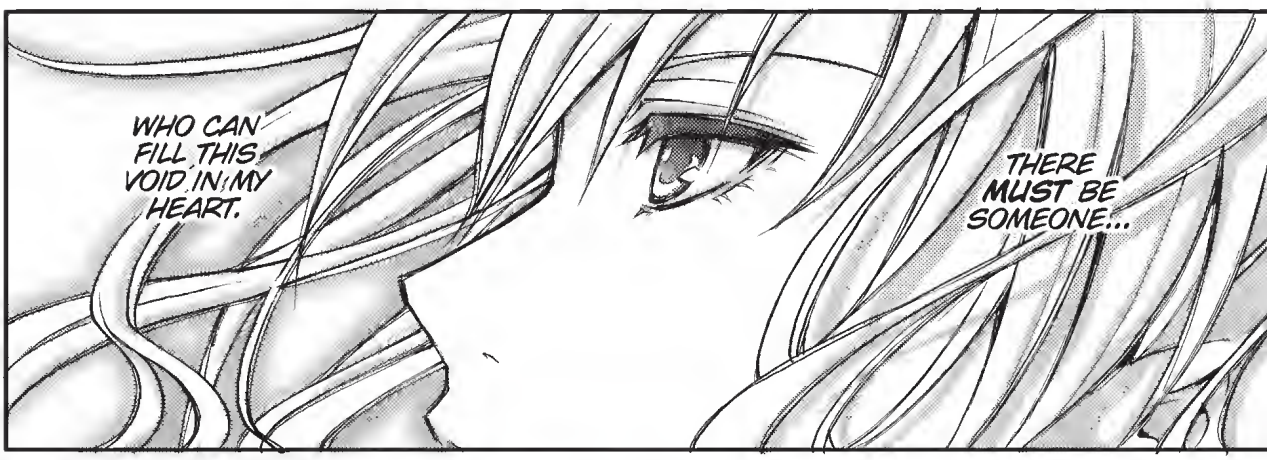
THE PASSAGE OF TIME IS MUCH TOO CRUEL.
RUSTLE
THAT SHE WOULD BE THE ONE WHO COULD KEEP MY HEART FROM WANDERING AWAY, ONCE AND FOR ALL.
I HAD HOPED...
FLOAT


G-GOOD DAY, SHIZUMA-SAMA.
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA, IT'S A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU IN HIGH SPIRITS!
AH, LOOK! IT'S SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA! SQUEE!!


WHEN DID I START TO FEEL THIS WAY?
NO MATTER WHAT I DID, OR WHO I'VE BEEN WITH...
NOTHING COULD FILL THAT VOID DEEP IN MY HEART.
SIGH


NO.
THERE
HAS TO BE
SOMEONE.


PUH
P...


WHO CAN
FILL THIS
VOID IN MY
HEART.
THERE
MUST BE
SOMEONE...

HUFF
HUFF

PANT
AWW, JEEZ!
THIS CAMPUS IS SO HUGE!
よた WOBBLE
よた WOBBLE
JUST WHERE IS MY DORMITORY, ANYWAY?

EXCUSE MEEE!
UM, HI...
THE DORMS... ARE... ARE THEY THIS WAY?
AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE...?
I'M TRYING TO FIND ASTRAEA HALL. I'M SUPPOSED TO MOVE INTO THE DORMITORY TODAY.
OH, M-MY NAME IS AOI NAGISA, AND I'LL BE JOINING THE FOURTH-YEAR CLASS TOMORROW!

I HEARD WE HAD ONE COMING.
OH... A TRANSFER STUDENT.
SMILE
WEL-COME...
MISS CUTE TRANSFER STUDENT.

SHE'S ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS!!
BA-THUMP!!!
WOW...
IF YOU'RE LOST, THEN ALLOW ME TO HELP YOU FIND THE DORM.
PLEASE, COME WITH ME...
EXTEND

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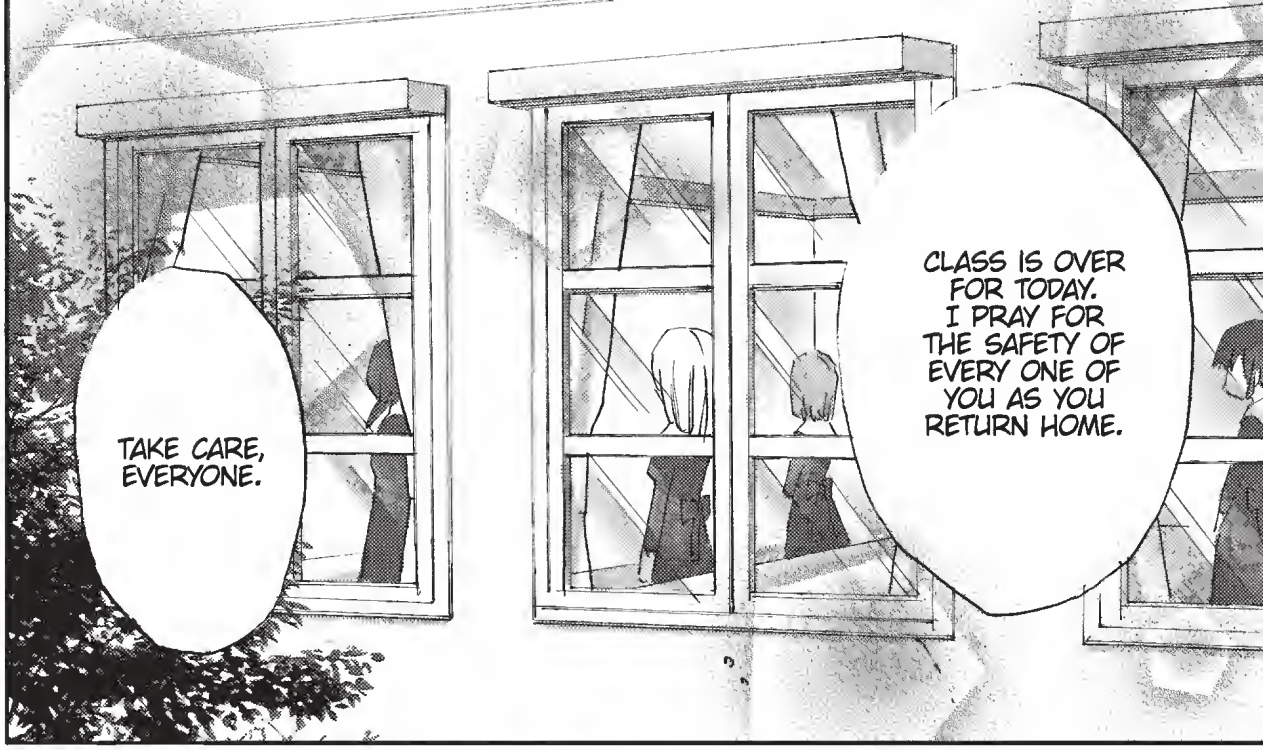
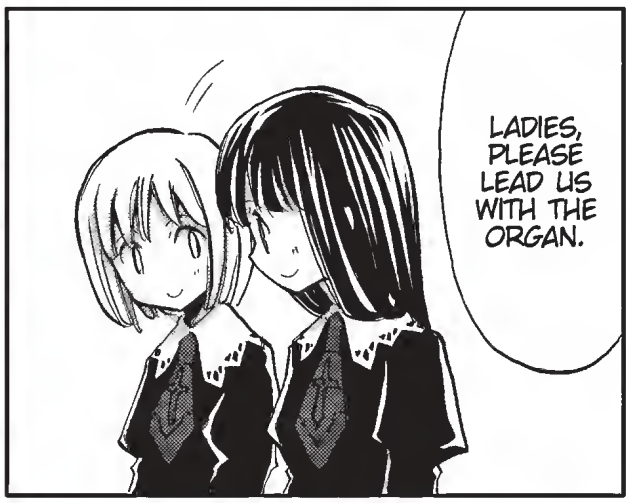
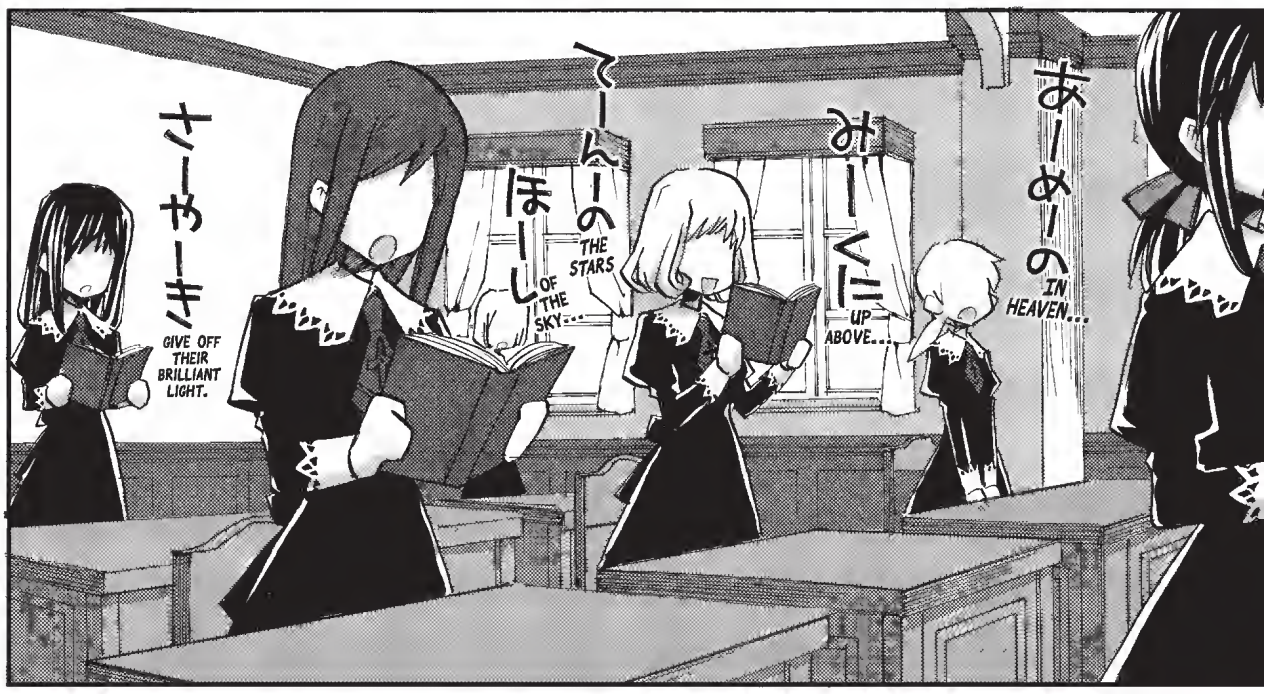

CLASS IS OVER FOR TODAY. I PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERY ONE OF YOU AS YOU RETURN HOME.
TAKE CARE, EVERYONE.


LADIES, PLEASE LEAD US WITH THE ORGAN.


あーめーの IN HEAVEN...
みーくーに UP ABOVE...
てーんーの ほーしー THE STARS OF THE SKY...
さーかーき GIVE OFF THEIR BRILLIANT LIGHT.

OH, I SHOULD SING, TOO...
アヴェー AVE
アヴェ AVE MARIA
アベマリア AVE MARIA
HYMNS SOUND KINDA COOL!
OHHHH... ほわー
BUT I DON'T KNOW THIS SONG YET...
UH-OH, WHAT PAGE IS IT ON?
FLIP FLIP
OH NO! THERE ARE SO MANY HYMNS! WHERE IS IT?
RUSTLE RUSTLE
.....
OH DEAR. NAGISA-CHAN LET HERSELF GET ALL FRANTIC AGAIN.
HOW CUTE!

TAP TAP
NAGISA-CHAN, THIS PAGE.
WE'LL START FROM HERE NEXT.
OH... TH-THANK YOU, TAMAO-CHAN!
TOUCHED
HEE HEE.
INHALE
NOW AND FOR-EVER...
あいよ
しょーおーばーを
LOVE IS VICTORIOUS...
……?
HUH?
WON'T LET THE...
あーくまの
ナーイー
DEVIL'S TEMPTATION...
みーをー
BURN...
やきーて
MY SOUL.
EH?!
HUH?!
TH-THAT WAS WRONG?!
TSK
TSK
TSK

BAP
BAP
DON'T DO THAT TO ME, TAMAO-CHAN!
JEEEZ~!
TSK...
NAGISA IS SO FUN TO TEASE!
EE HEE HEE...
OHHH, SHE'S SO ADORABLE!
I THOUGHT THIS YEAR WAS GOING TO BE PEACEFUL AND NORMAL...
PANT PANT
BUT THEN... THEN CAME THE LITTLE TEMPTRESS.

はっ
STARTLE
O-OH DEAR... IT'S LIKE I'M A...
A PERVERT, ISN'T IT?!
OH, I COULD NEVER BE ONE OF THOSE.
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH...
?
カチャ
KA-CHA
EXCUSE ME.
ザわっ
SURPRISE
ザわ
MURMUR
IT'S SHIZUMA-ONEE-SAMA!
ザわ
MURMUR
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO A FOURTH-YEAR CLASS-ROOM?
WE SAW SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA! WHAT A LUCKY DAY!!
SHIZUMA-ONEE-SAMA?

I APOLOGIZE FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR HOMEROOM, SISTER.
I'M HERE TO ACCOMPANY THE STUDENT WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE HOLY WATER.
AH!
SHE'S...!!
WHY, THANK YOU.
HANAZONO-SAN, THE STUDENT GOING WITH YOU TODAY WILL HAVE AN "EVENTFUL" TIME, WON'T SHE?
THE STUDENT IN CHARGE TODAY IS...
OH, IT'S OUR NEW TRANSFER STUDENT, AOI NAGISA-SAN.
HUH? ME?!
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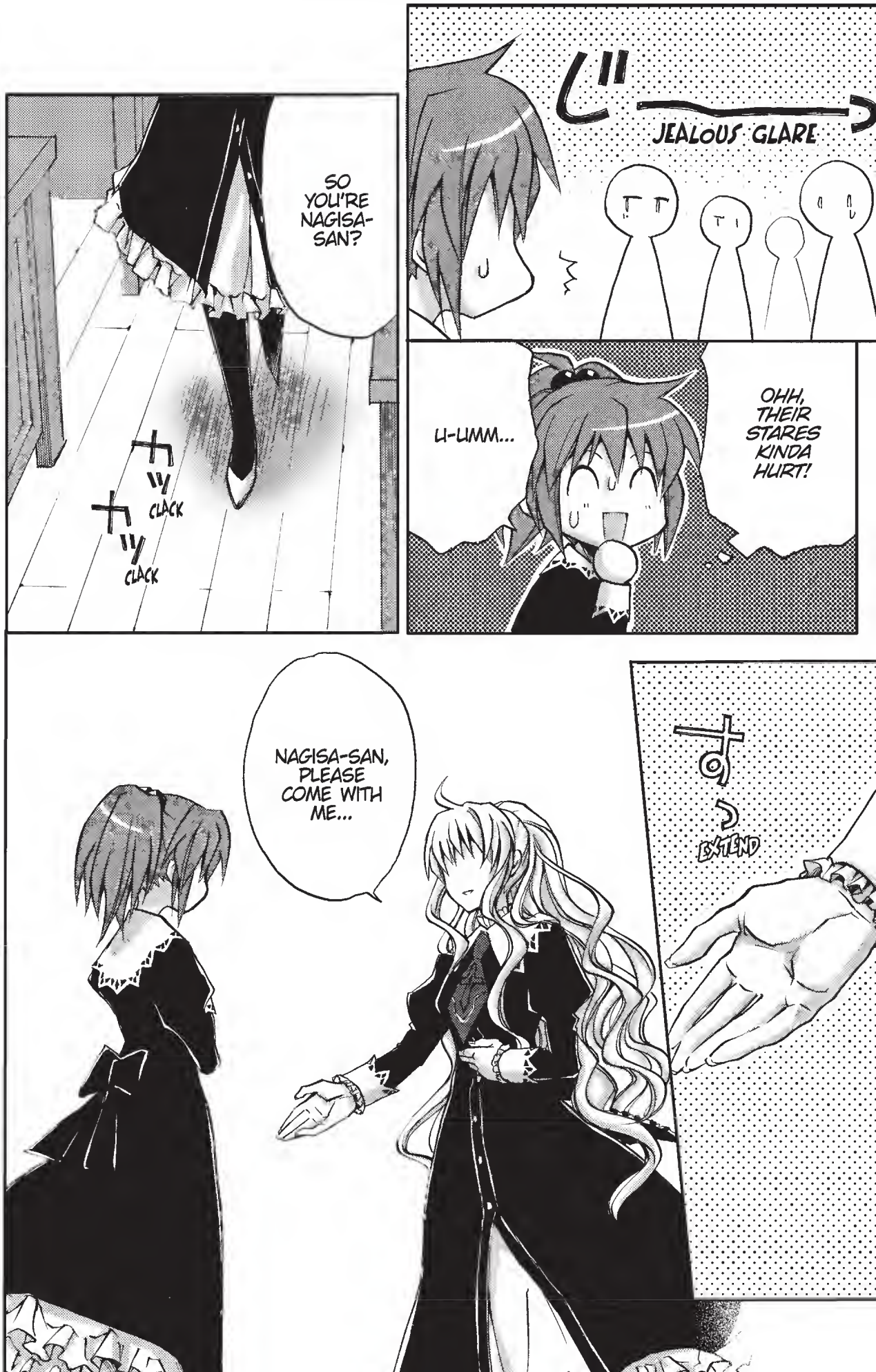
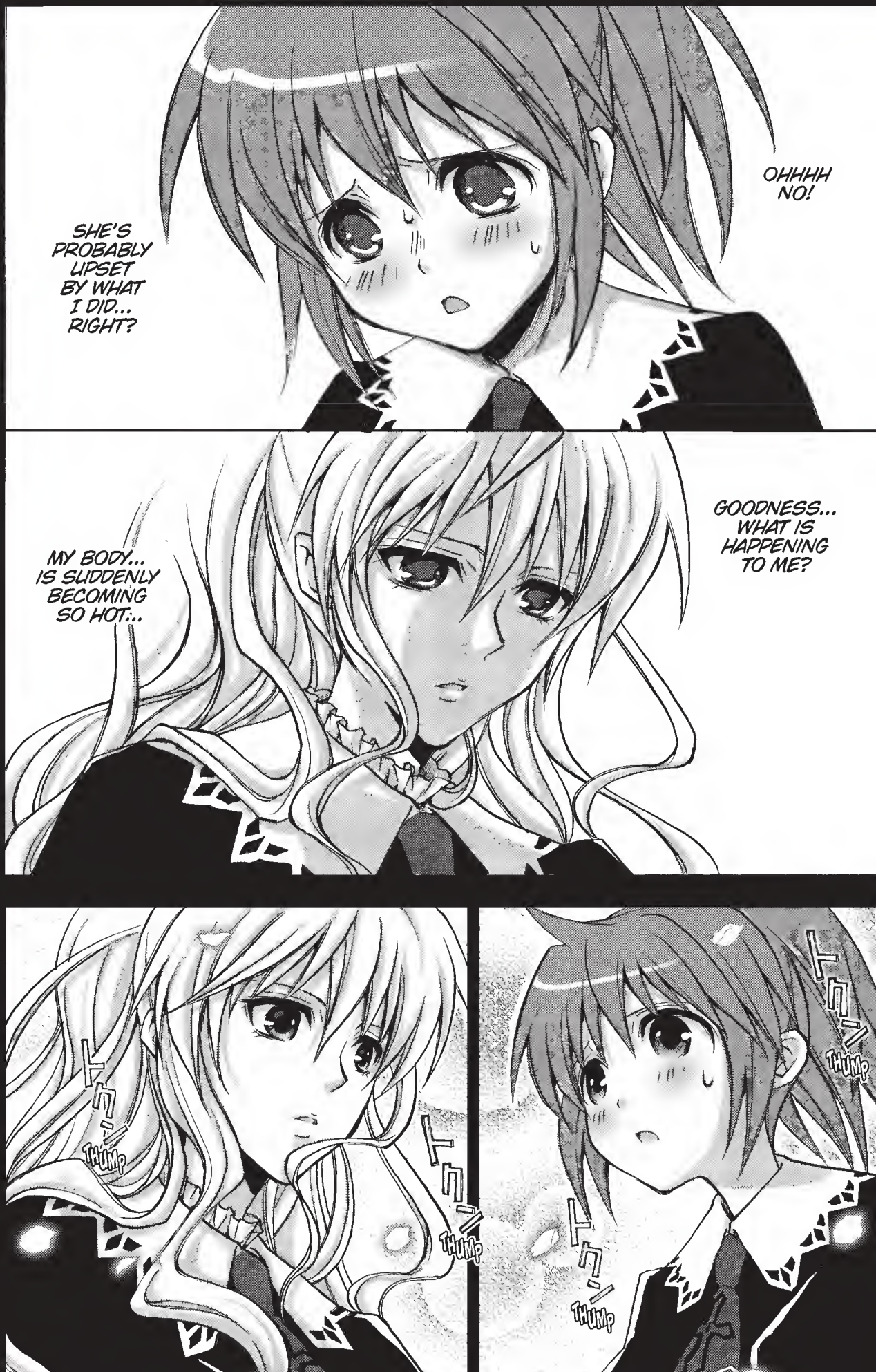
STOP


JEALOUS GLARE
SO YOU'RE NAGISA-SAN?
CLACK
CLACK
U-UMM...
OHH, THEIR STARES KINDA HURT!
NAGISA-SAN, PLEASE COME WITH ME...
EXTEND

OH YES, IT'S HER AGAIN.
WHEN I GOT LOST...
ONE WEEK AGO...

BUT SHE WANTS ME TO TAKE HER HAND.
SHE'S TRYING TO SHOW ME THE WAY, RIGHT?
I'M NOT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
HUH...?
DOES SHE WANT ME TO HOLD HER HAND?
UMM... URM...
H-HERE I GO!
WH-WHAT SHOULD I DO?
FIDGET FIDGET
OH... BUT WE CAN'T STAY LIKE THIS FOREVER.

GRAB
O-OH NO... WHY DID I...
TWITCH
G-GRAB HER HAND SO STRONGLY?
SQUEEEEZE
I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, SO I JUST... OH NO.
AND SHE WAS WAITING SO PATIENTLY...
S-SHE'S SO PRETTY...
I THOUGHT IT WAS WEIRD TO HOLD HANDS, BUT...
I'VE NEVER HAD ANYONE SQUEEZE MY HAND SO HONESTLY AND BRUTALLY... EVER.
HELD MY HAND SO SOFTLY... AS IF THEY WERE AFRAID TO TOUCH ME, BUT...
UP UNTIL NOW, ALL MY CUTE LITTLE FLOWERS...


SHE'S PROBABLY UPSET BY WHAT I DID... RIGHT?
OHHHH NO!
MY BODY... IS SUDDENLY BECOMING SO HOT...
GOODNESS... WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME?
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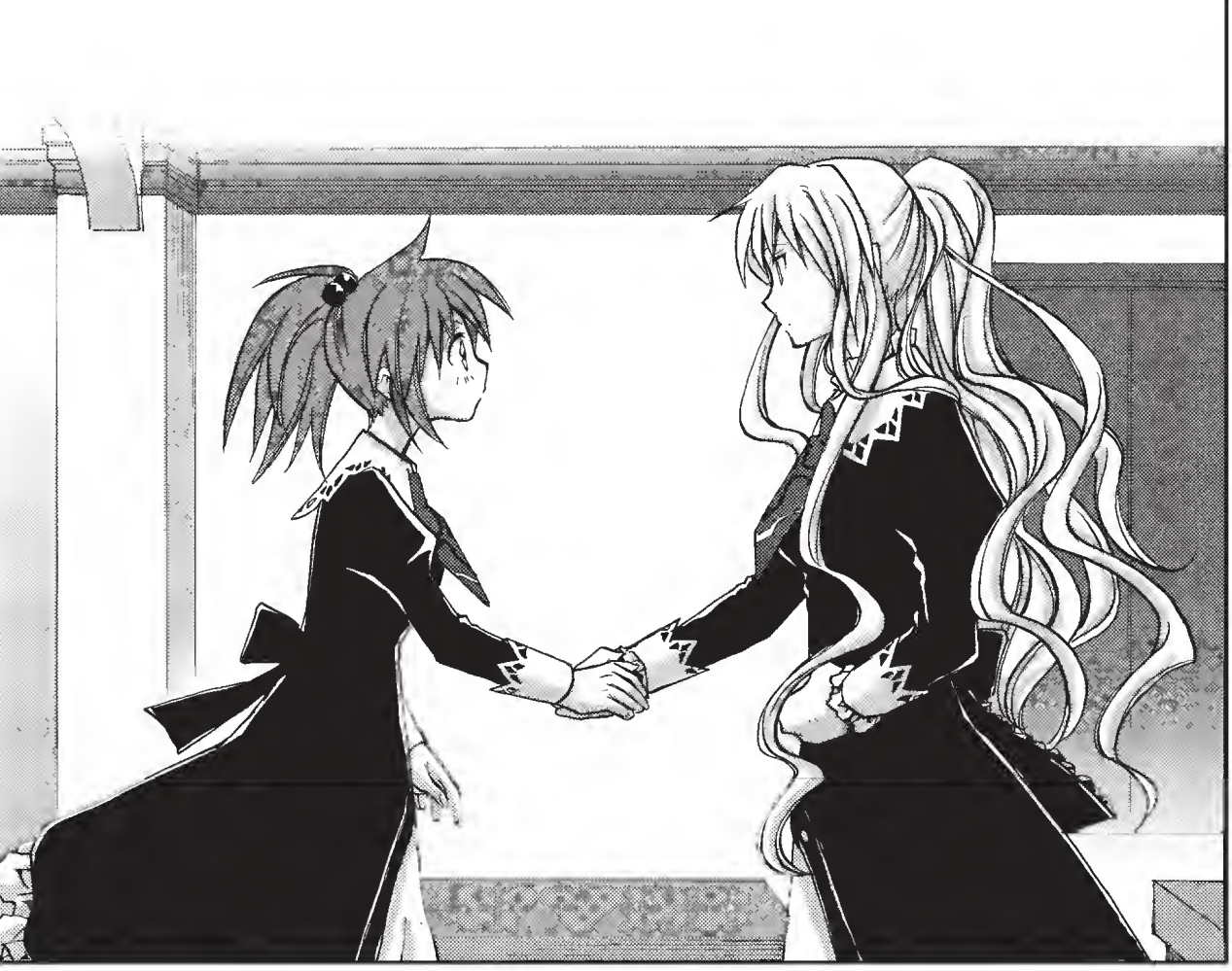
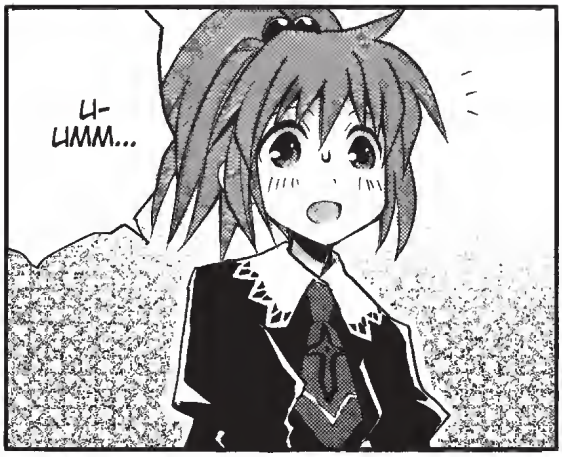
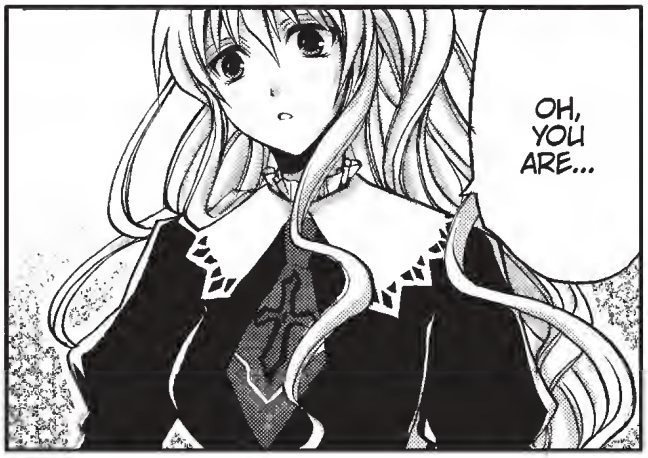
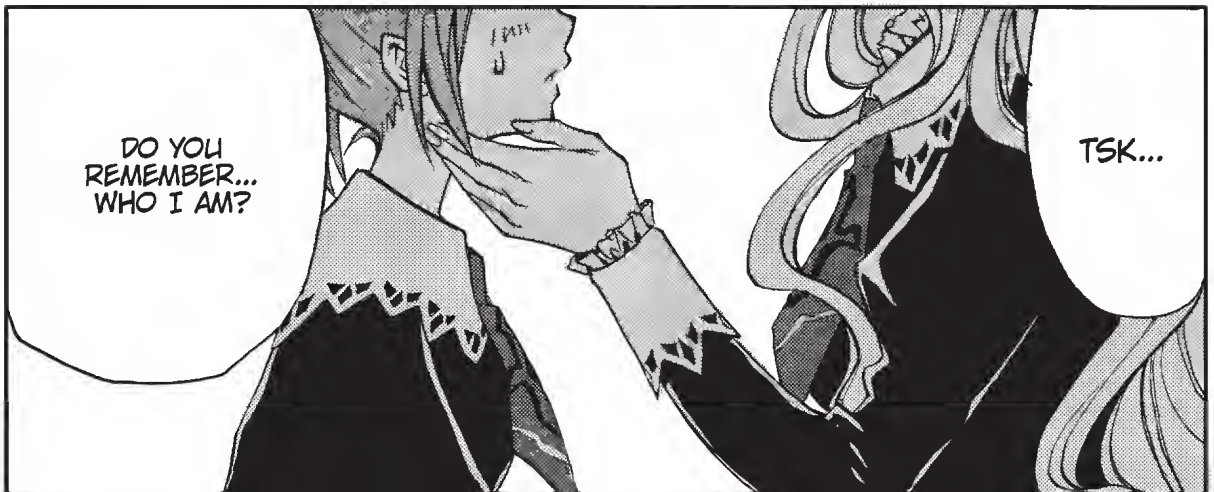
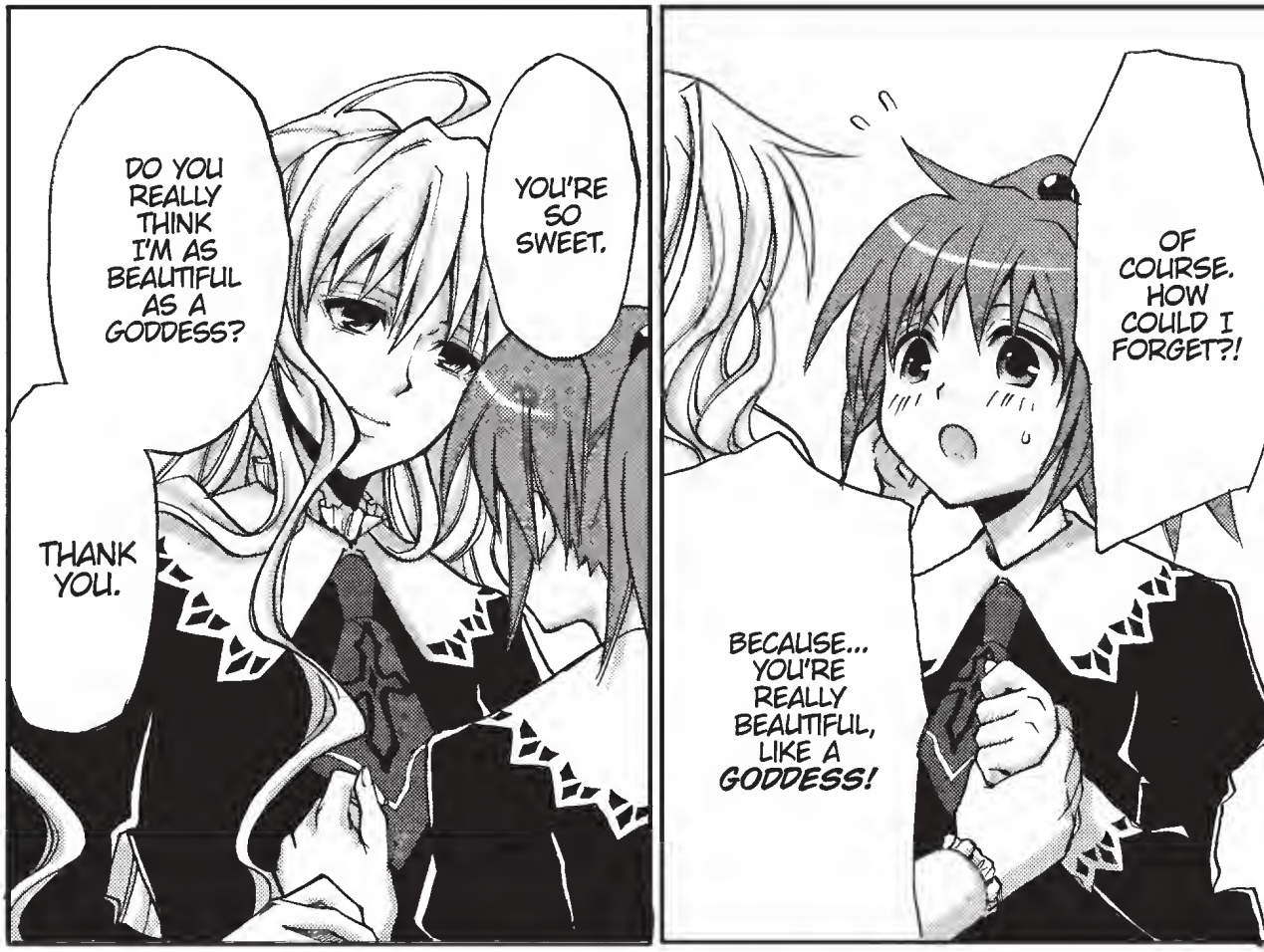
THUMP
トク...
THUMP
トク...
THUMP
トク...
THUMP

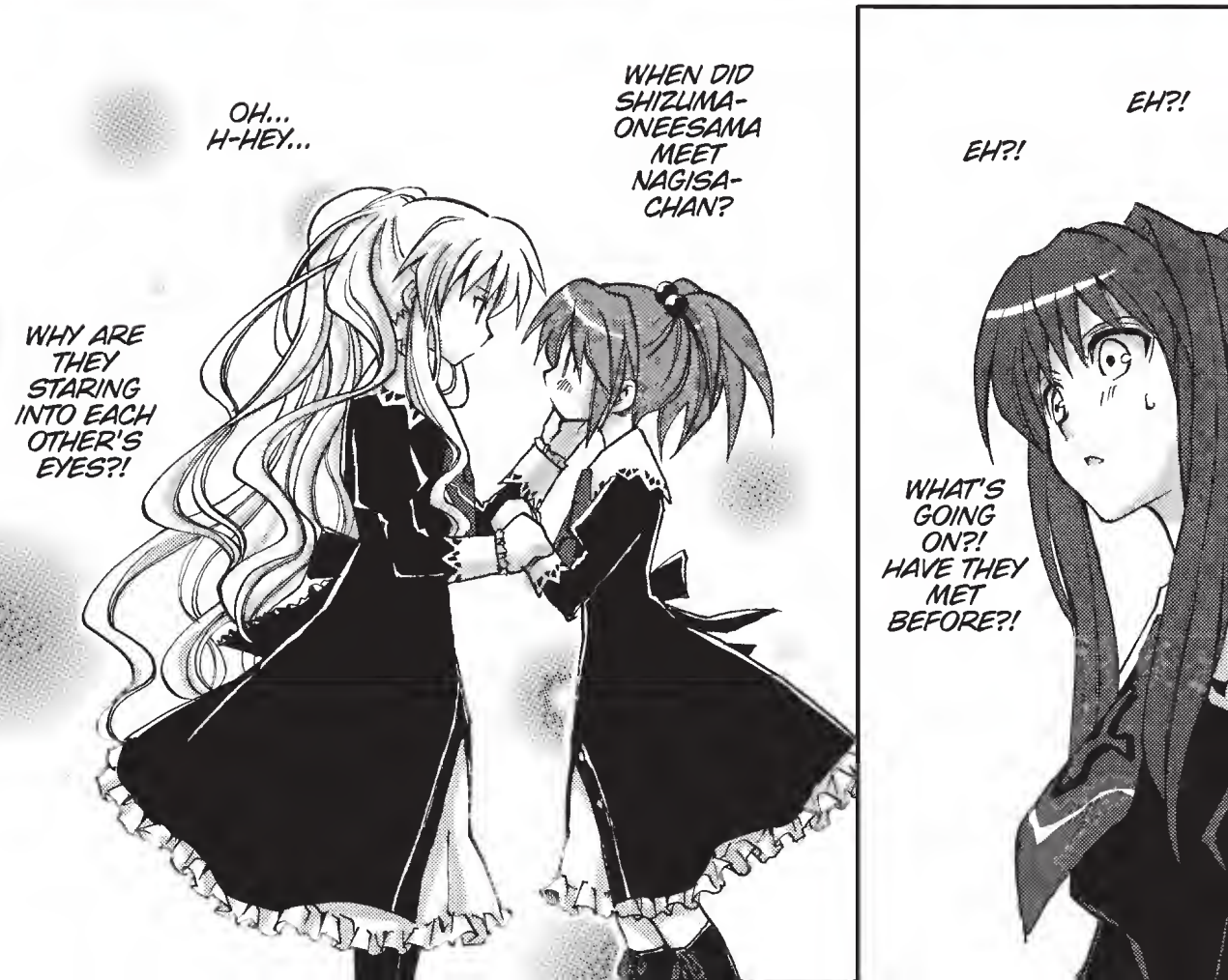



U-
UMM...

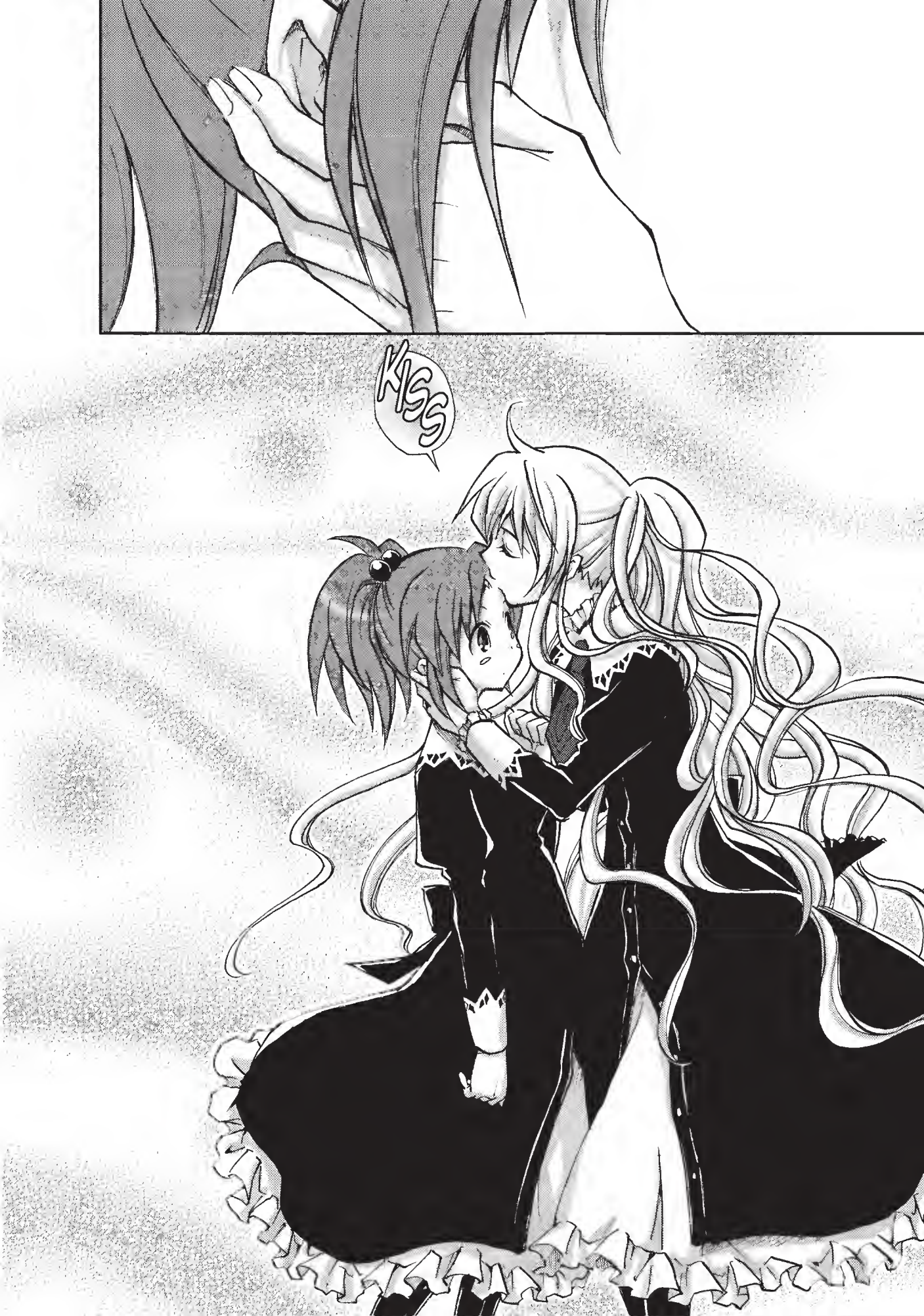

OH,
YOU
ARE...


DO YOU
REMEMBER...
WHO I AM?
TSK...


DO YOU REALLY THINK I'M AS BEAUTIFUL AS A GODDESS?
YOU'RE SO SWEET.
THANK YOU.
OF COURSE. HOW COULD I FORGET?!
BECAUSE... YOU'RE REALLY BEAUTIFUL, LIKE A GODDESS!

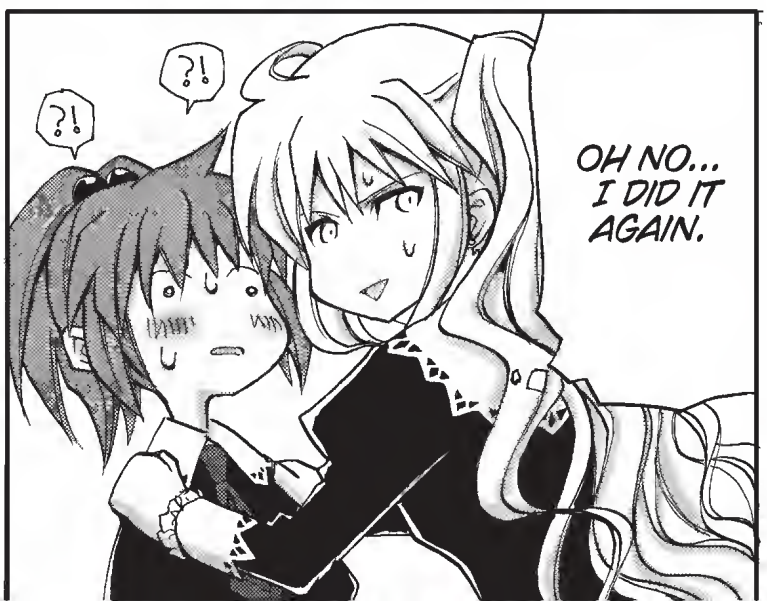

OH... H-HEY...
WHEN DID SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA MEET NAGISA-CHAN?
WHY ARE THEY STARING INTO EACH OTHER'S EYES?!
EH?!
EH?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?! HAVE THEY MET BEFORE?!

SHE REALLY IS ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS...
SHE HAS SUCH CUTE, ADORABLE EYES...
THIS SITUATION IS NOT GOOD AT ALL!
OH DEAR...
I CAN'T HOLD BACK ANY LONGER...
AHHH...


KISS

WHA...?!
EEEEEEEK!!
SHIZUMA-ONEE-SAMA!!
OUR SHIZUMA-ONEE-SAMA ?!!

GRAB
NAGISA, LET'S GO!
OH!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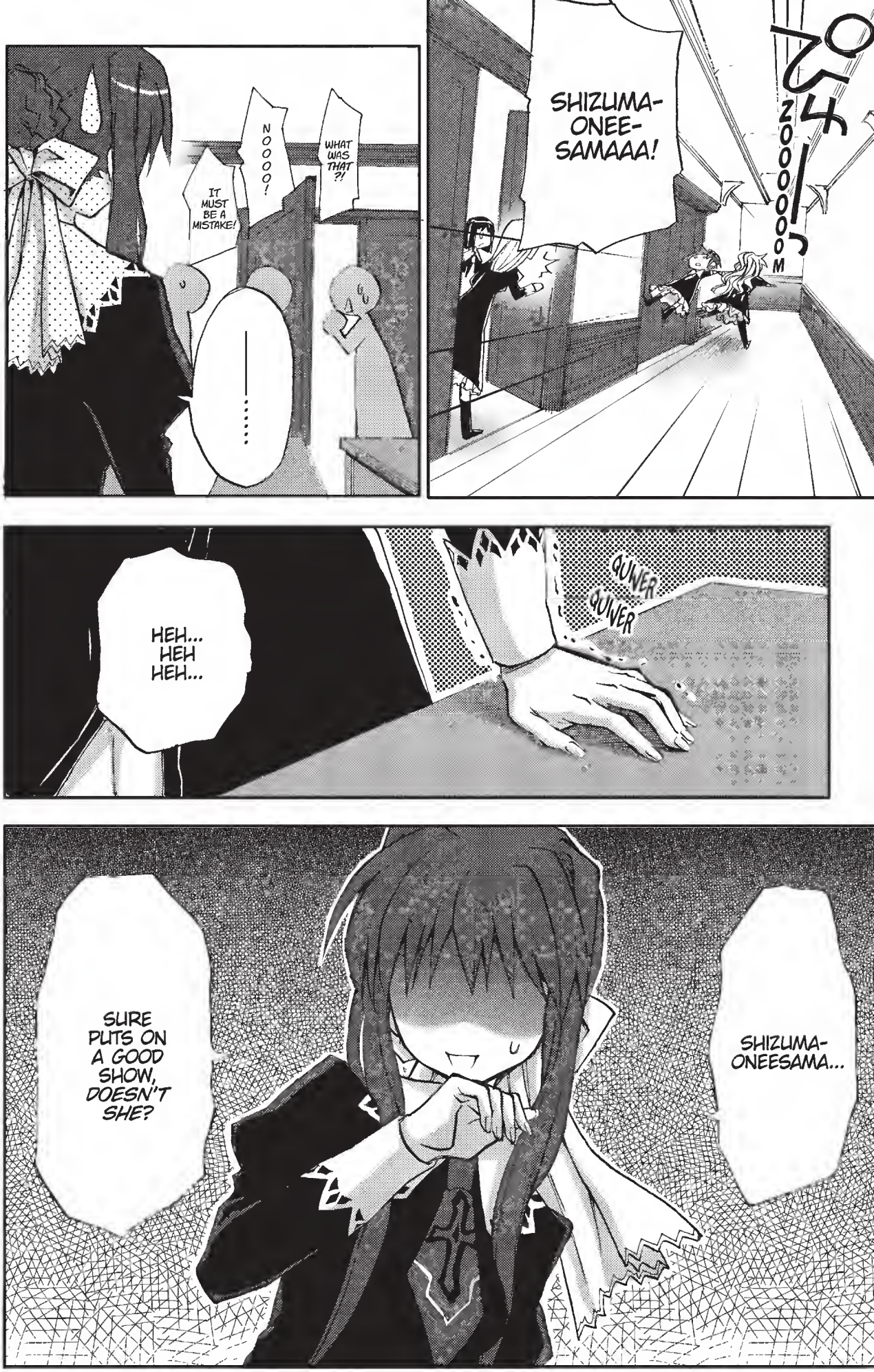
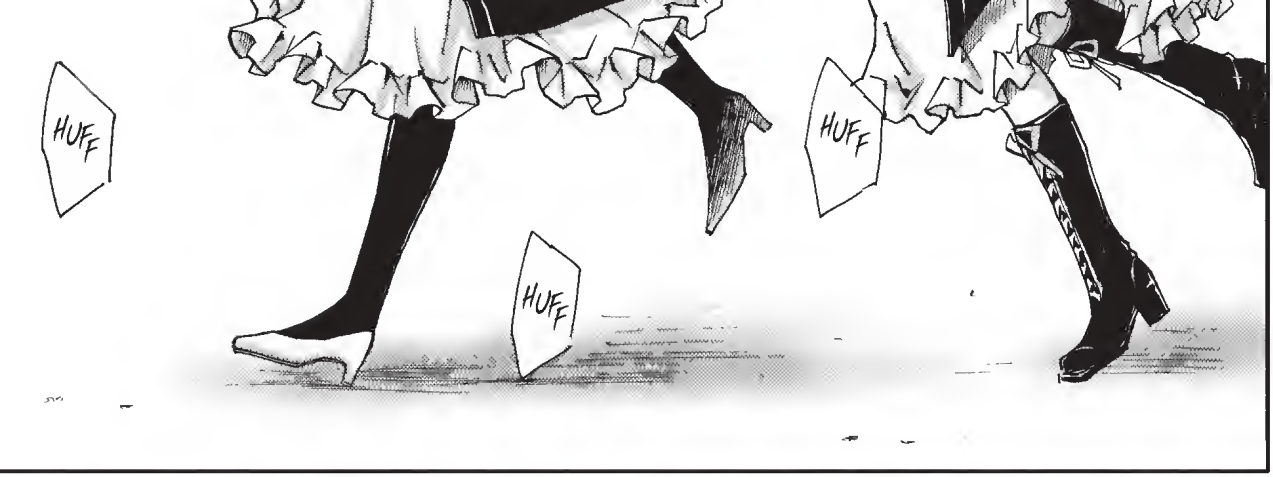
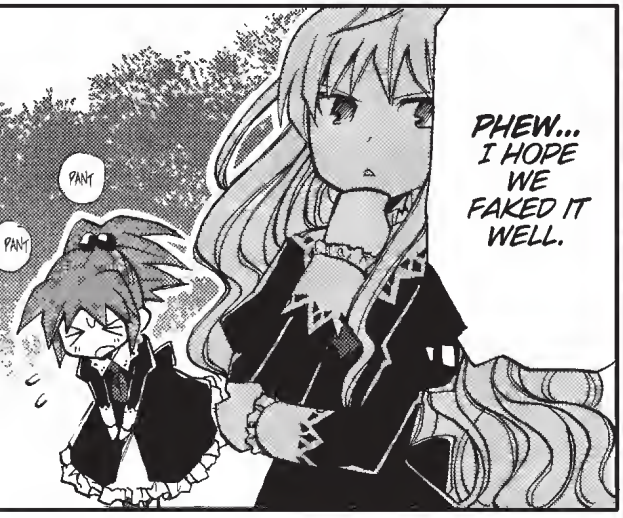
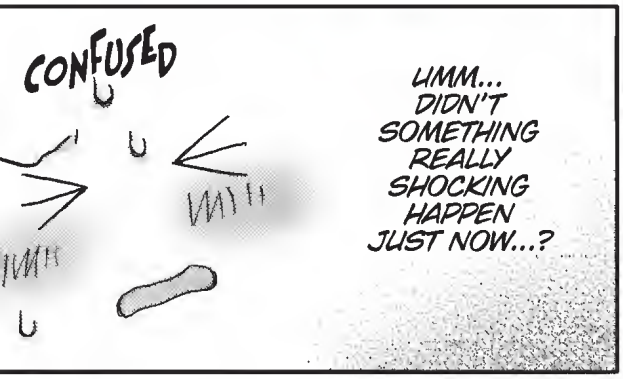
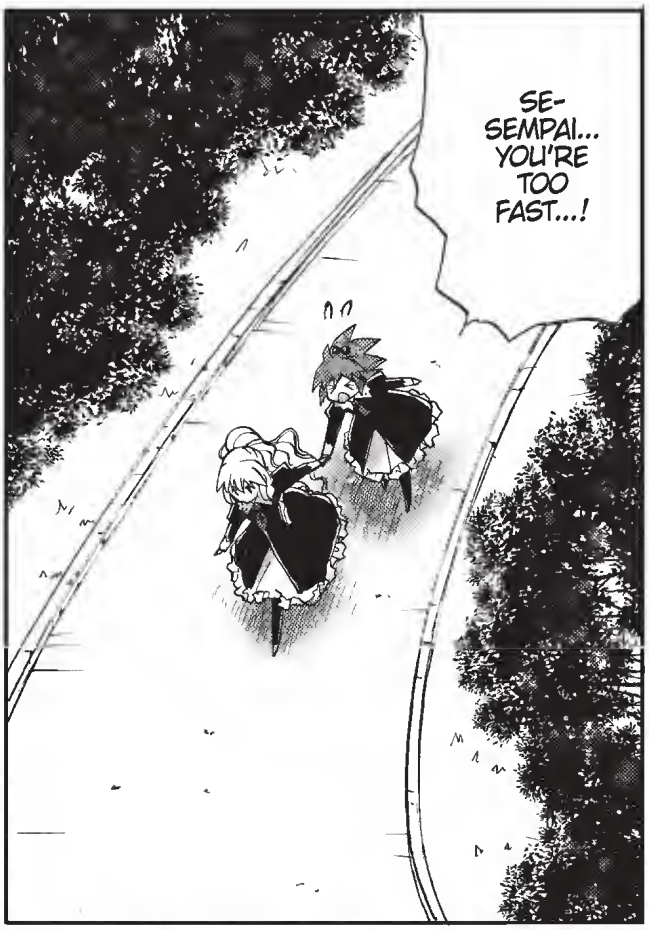
OH NO... I DID IT AGAIN.

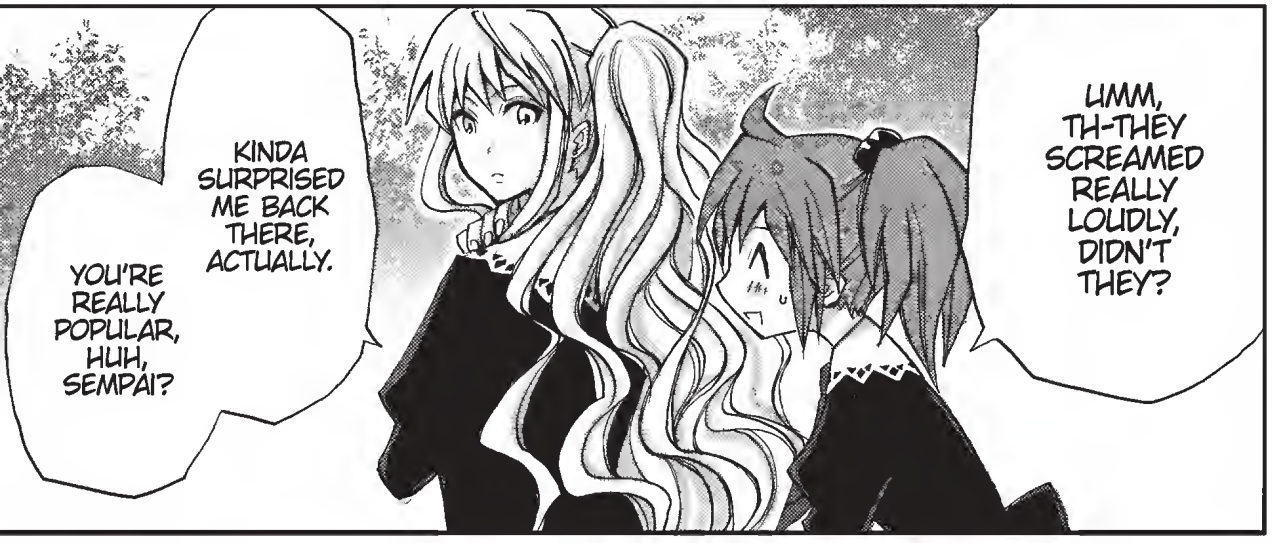

WHAT WAS THAT?!
NOOOO!
IT MUST BE A MISTAKE!
.....
SHIZUMA-ONEE-SAMAAA!
ZOOOOOOOM
HEH... HEH HEH...
QUIVER
QUIVER
SURE PUTS ON A GOOD SHOW, DOESN'T SHE?
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA...


HUFF
HUFF
HUFF


PANT
PANT
PHEW... I HOPE WE FAKED IT WELL.


CONFUSED
UMM... DIDN'T SOMETHING REALLY SHOCKING HAPPEN JUST NOW...?


SE-SEMPAI... YOU'RE TOO FAST...!


UMM, TH-THEY SCREAMED REALLY LOUDLY, DIDN'T THEY?
KINDA SURPRISED ME BACK THERE, ACTUALLY.
YOU'RE REALLY POPULAR, HUH, SEMPAI?

AT ST. MIATOR, YOU MUST ADDRESS ALL UPPER-CLASSMEN AS "ONEESAMA."
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO CALL ME "SEMPAI."
HUH?
AHH... THAT TICKLES!
CARESS
O...
ONEE... SAMA...
HUH?!
SO... SAY IT TO ME.
STROKE

GOODNESS... YOUR SKIN IS SO SOFT AND SMOOTH, LIKE A BABY!
LOVELY SKIN, AS WELL... I'M JEALOUS.
BUT!
YOUR SKIN... IS SO WHITE, LIKE BEAUTIFUL PORCELAIN, SEMPA-- I-I MEAN, ONEESAMA...
REALLY? THEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO TOUCH IT?
PULL
HERE, FEEL IT...

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
I WANT TO TAKE SWEET CARE OF YOU...
AS IF YOU WERE MY *PRECIOUS*, ONLY YOUNGER SISTER.
AS IF YOU WERE MY *PRECIOUS* YOUNGER ONLY SISTER.
URRM...
QUIVER QUIVER
FROM THIS DAY FORWARD... YOU ARE MY YOUNGER SISTER.
YOU WILL CALL ME "*SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA*."

IF YOU BREAK THIS PROMISE...
NNG
CLENCH
UNH!
I'LL PUNISH YOU.

NAGISA-ONEESAMA...

FLUTTER
FLUTTER

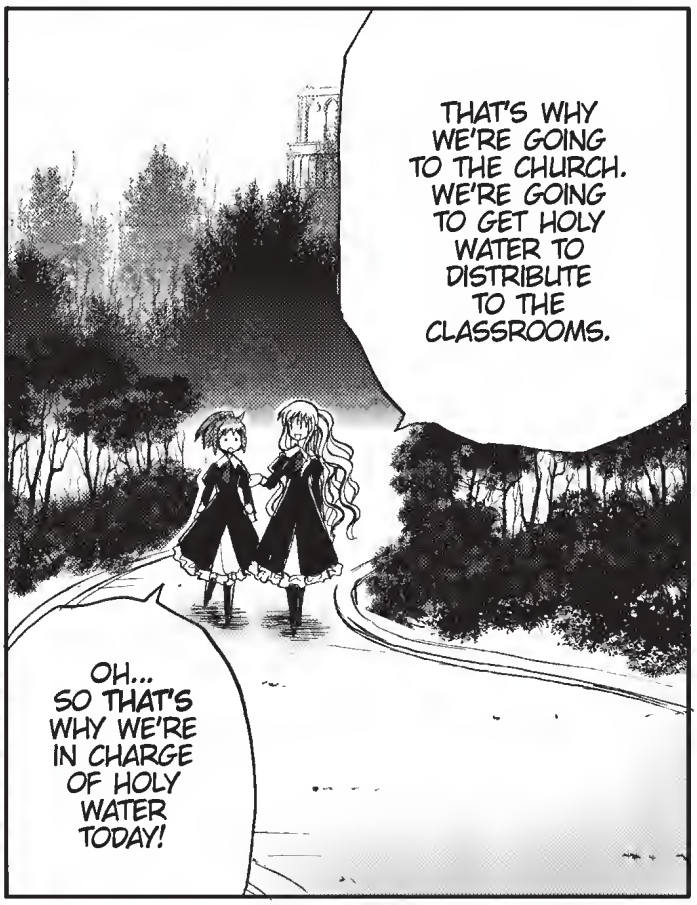
OH, I HAVE A FEELING THAT SOMETHING WONDERFUL IS GOING TO HAPPEN!
AND TOMORROW IS EASTER.
GRAB

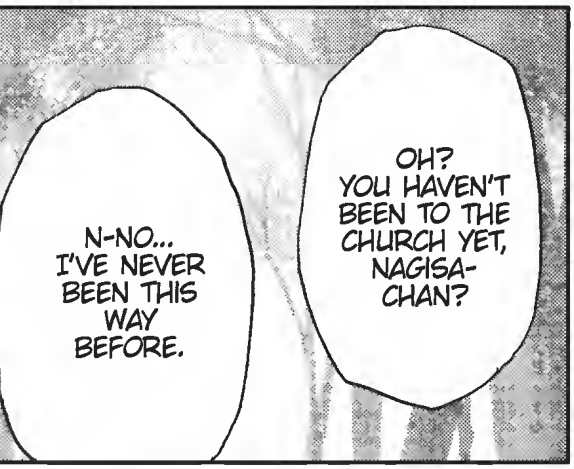
OKAY, BE RIGHT THERE!
CHIYOOO, IT'S TIME FOR LIBRARY DUTY!

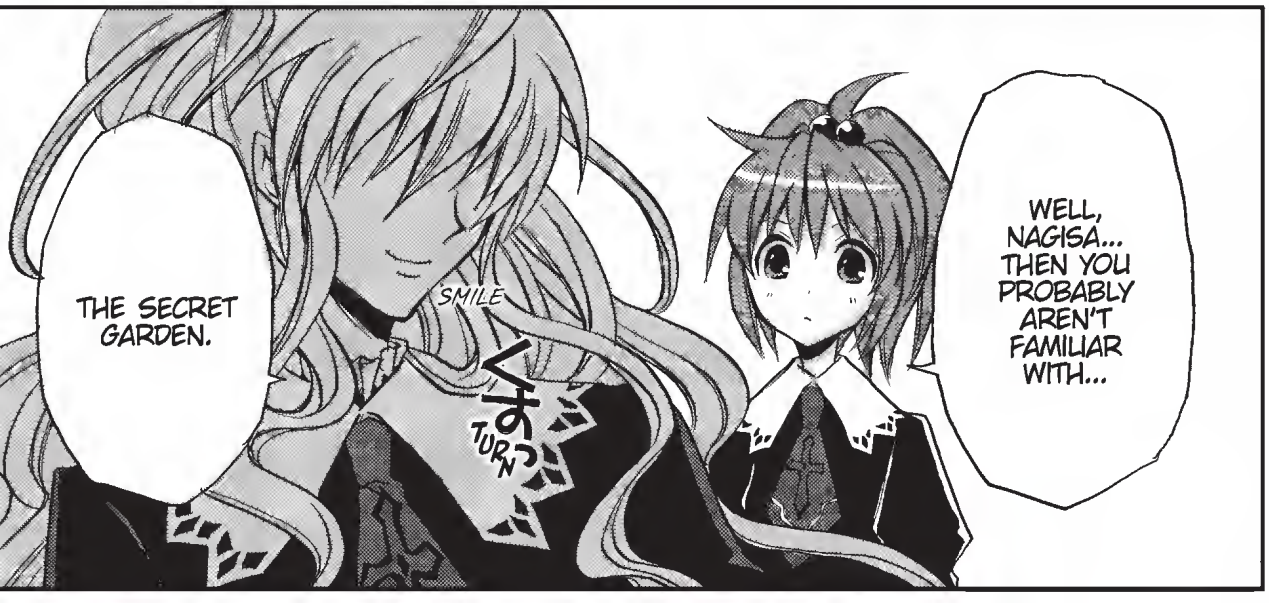
I WONDER... WHAT NAGISA-ONEESAMA IS DOING RIGHT NOW.

BY THE WAY, NAGISA-CHAN, DID YOU KNOW...
TOMORROW IS EASTER?
IT'S A JOYOUS DAY FOR CATHOLICS!

UMM, THE CHURCH IS IN *MAIDEN PARK* BEHIND THE SCHOOL, RIGHT?


THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING TO THE CHURCH. WE'RE GOING TO GET HOLY WATER TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE CLASSROOMS.
OH... SO THAT'S WHY WE'RE IN CHARGE OF HOLY WATER TODAY!


OH? YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE CHURCH YET, NAGISA-CHAN?
N-NO... I'VE NEVER BEEN THIS WAY BEFORE.


WELL, NAGISA... THEN YOU PROBABLY AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH...
SMILE
くすっ
TURN
THE SECRET GARDEN.

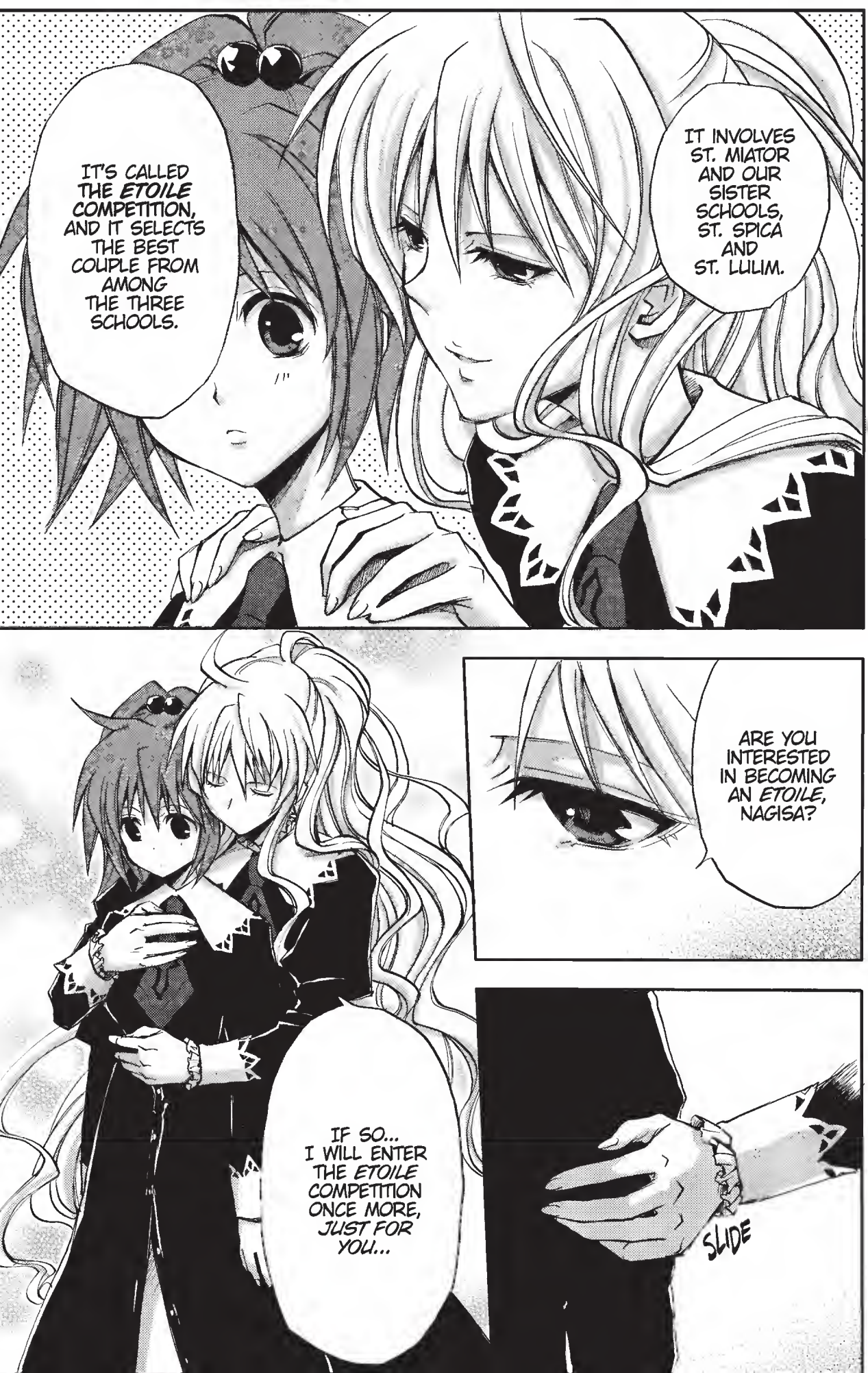
GARDEN ...?
SECRET...
TSK. WELL, SHALL WE GO ON A DATE IN MAIDEN PARK, THEN?
COME ON, IT'LL BE FUN!

Chapter 3: The Secret Garden

IT SURE IS A LONG WALK TO THE CHURCH!
OH, YES. ST. MIATOR CAMPUS IS FAIRLY LARGE, IN AND OF ITSELF, BUT MAIDEN PARK IS VAST IN COMPARISON.

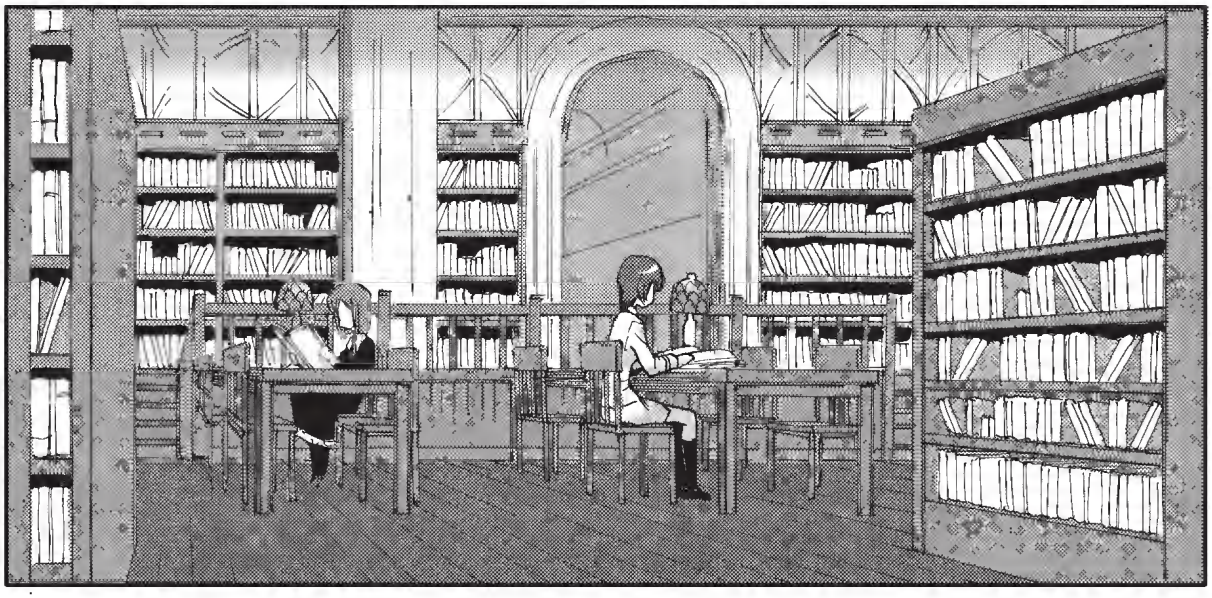
WOW... COOL.

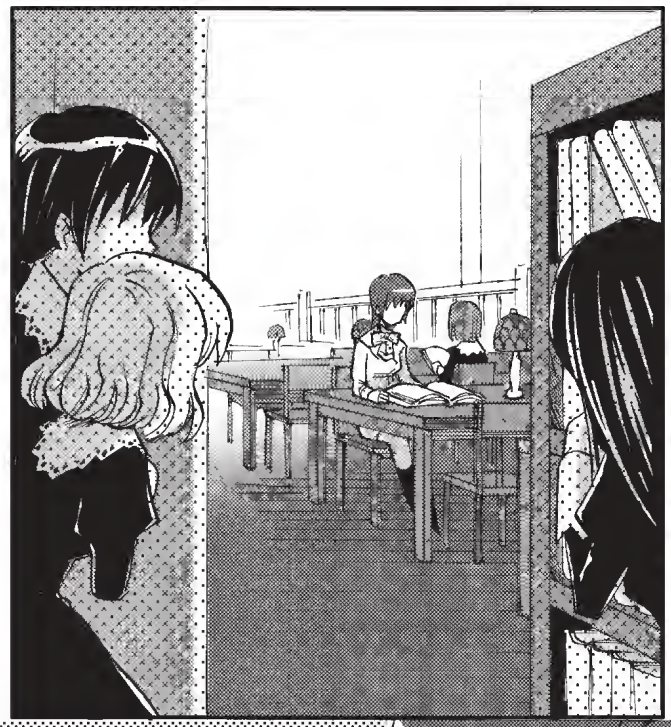
NAGISA, MY DEAR.
THERE ARE MANY SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST. MIATOR, LIKE EASTER...
BUT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BIGGEST AND BEST-- AND DEFINITELY THE GRANDEST-- EVENT HERE?

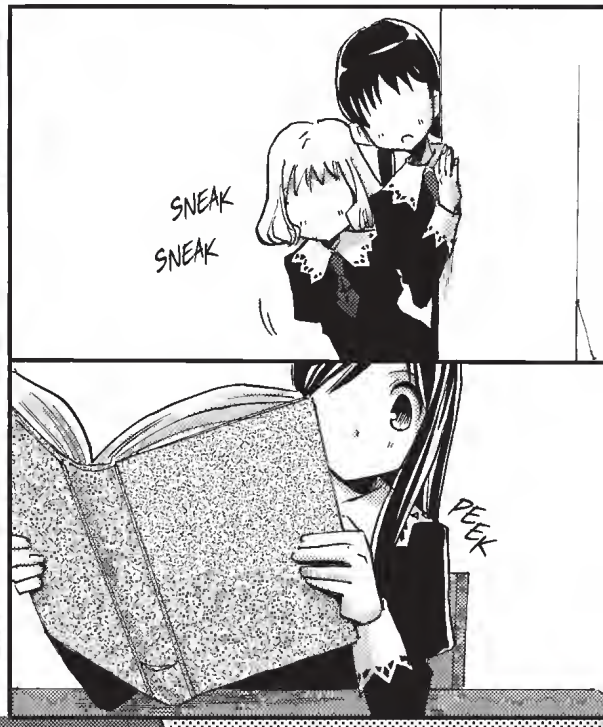

IT'S CALLED THE *ETOILE* COMPETITION, AND IT SELECTS THE BEST COUPLE FROM AMONG THE THREE SCHOOLS.
IT INVOLVES ST. MIATOR AND OUR SISTER SCHOOLS, ST. SPICA AND ST. LULIM.
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN *ETOILE*, NAGISA?
IF SO... I WILL ENTER THE *ETOILE* COMPETITION ONCE MORE, *JUST FOR YOU...*
SLIDE

OHH!!
OH WOW, WHAT IS IT?!
.....
BOUNCE
LOOK! THERE'S A CASTLE OVER THERE!
N-NAGISA-CHAN...
YOU HAVEN'T LISTENED TO ME AT ALL... HAVE YOU?
OH, THAT'S THE SECRET--
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA, LOOK OVER THERE!

NAGISA-CHAN?
YOU WANT TO...
OH!
GO THERE...
?
UH... Y-YES...
WHAT A WONDERFUL BUILDING. I'D SURE LIKE TO GO INSIDE.
REALLY?
WELL, IF YOU INSIST, NAGISA-CHAN... WE CAN DROP BY FOR A BIT.
EH? R-REALLY?
HEH HEH...
YES, OF COURSE.
WE'LL GO TO THE SECRET GARDEN. ♡






SNEAK
SNEAK
PEEK

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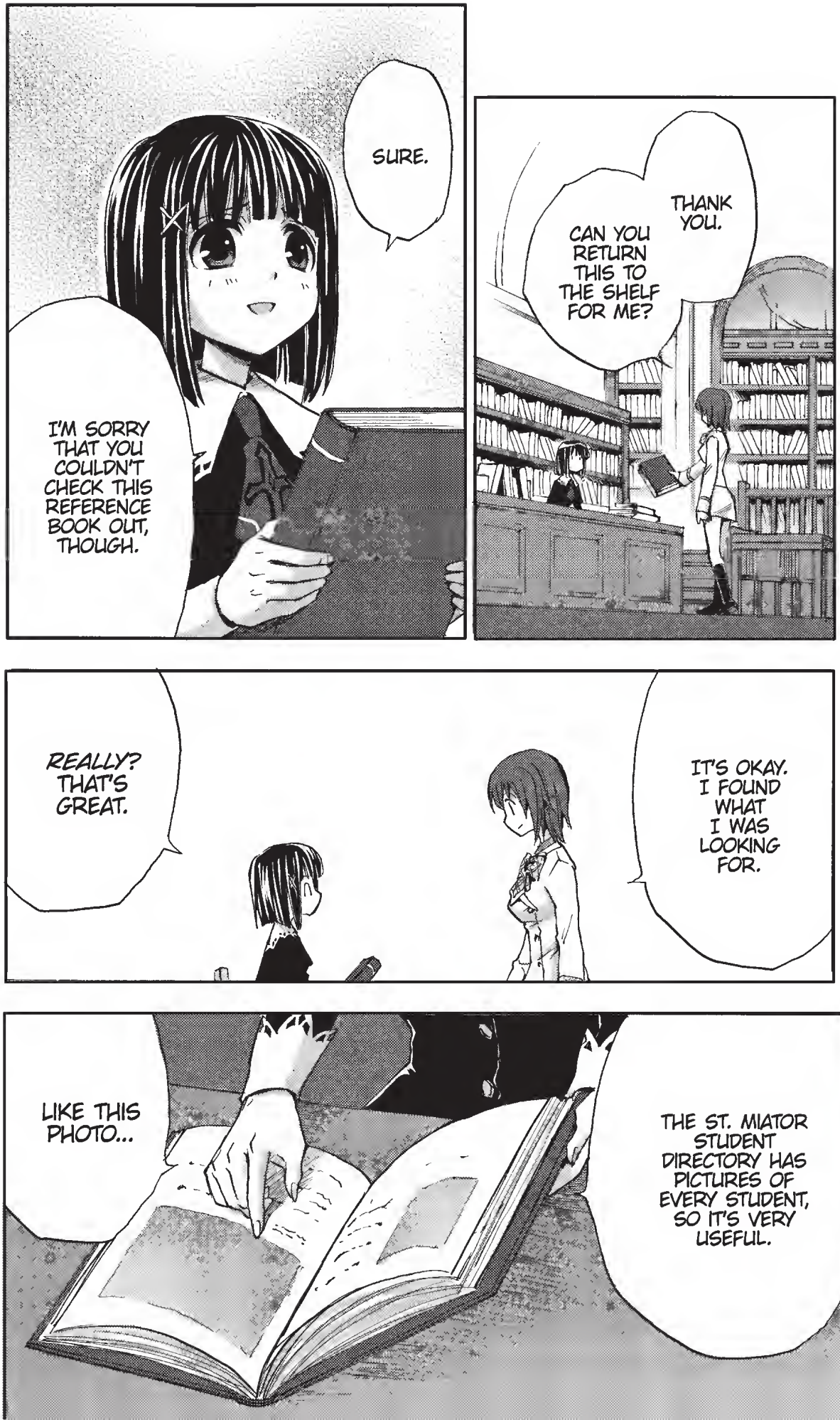
STARTLE
SCREECH
SO I GET STARED AT HERE, ALSO.
SNAP
SNATCH
GLANCE
I WISH THEY WEREN'T SO NERVOUS AROUND ME.


SURE.
I'M SORRY THAT YOU COULDN'T CHECK THIS REFERENCE BOOK OUT, THOUGH.
THANK YOU.
CAN YOU RETURN THIS TO THE SHELF FOR ME?
IT'S OKAY. I FOUND WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR.
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT.
THE ST. MIATOR STUDENT DIRECTORY HAS PICTURES OF EVERY STUDENT, SO IT'S VERY USEFUL.
LIKE THIS PHOTO...

THAT'S WHAT I WAS LOOKING AT!
THIS IS A PHOTO OF LAST YEAR'S ETOILE COMPETITION.
THE WHOLE CAMPUS WAS EXCITED TO SEE THE CROWNING OF THE BEST MIATOR COUPLE IN A LONG TIME.
SO MANY STUDENTS HAVE COME INTO THE LIBRARY JUST TO MAKE COPIES OF THIS PHOTO.
AND THERE WERE SOME THAT EVEN TRIED TO TEAR THE PAGE OUT...
OOPS, I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT. I HOPE SHE DOESN'T THINK ST. MIATOR STUDENTS ARE IMMORAL!

UMM... ARE YOU OKAY?
OH... YEAH. I'M OKAY.
I JUST WANTED TO SEE A PHOTO, THAT'S ALL.

OH...

REALLY?! I'M SO GLAD TO HEAR THAT STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS ENJOY OUR LIBRARY SO.
AND NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... I *HAVE* NOTICED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN MORE SPICA AND LULIM STUDENTS USING OUR LIBRARY THESE DAYS.

HA HA!
I DIDN'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED... AND IT'S QUIETER HERE THAN AT *MY* SCHOOL LIBRARY.

I LOVE TO READ BOOKS HERE, TOO, BECAUSE IT'S SO RELAXING!
SO, UMM... PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO COME AGAIN.
THANKS.
YOU REALLY LIKE THIS LIBRARY, DON'T YOU?
OH, YES.
WHEN I'M HERE... I FEEL RELAXED AND PEACEFUL...
AND IT HELPS ME FACE MY DAY WITH A GOOD ATTITUDE.

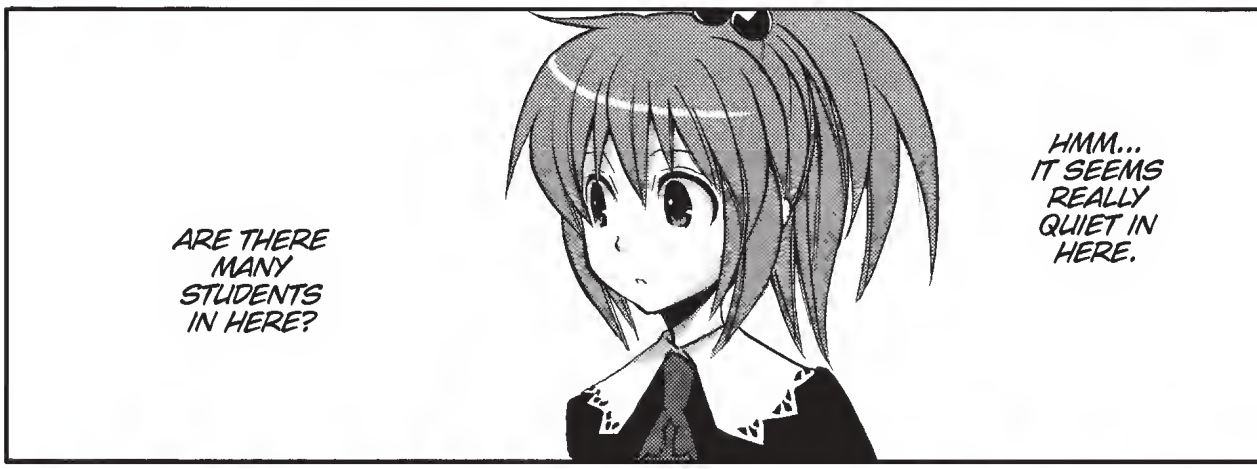
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
HEY...
I WORK AT THIS LIBRARY.
TSUKIDATE CHIYO.
UH... UMM...
YOU'RE PRACTICALLY FAMOUS, SO IT'S HARD NOT TO KNOW YOU.
ST. SPICA GIRLS' INSTITUTE, FIFTH YEAR, CLASS TROIS, RIGHT?
OTORI AMANE-SAMA. I KNOW.
I'M OTO--
THAT'S A CUTE NAME.
GRIN

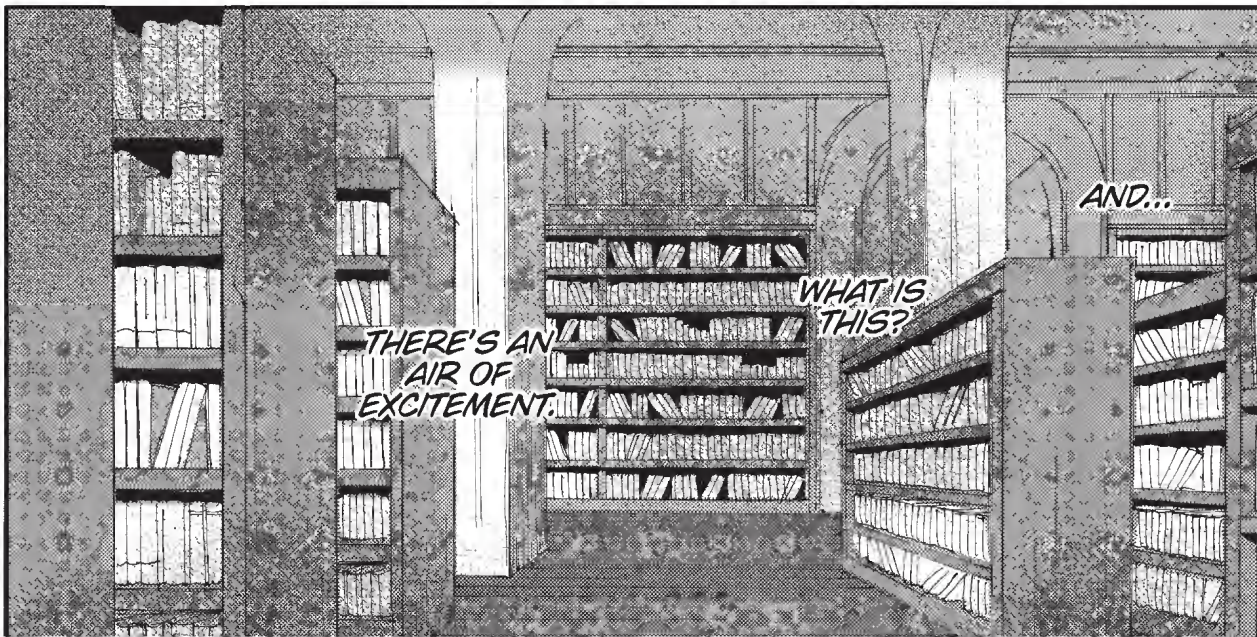
I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE GIRLS LIKE THIS IN OTHER SCHOOLS.
MAN...
SIGH
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST GIVE IN TO THEIR REQUESTS THIS YEAR...
GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR LIBRARY WORK. SEE YOU LATER.
I HOPE WE CAN READ BOOKS AND RELAX TOGETHER NEXT TIME.
WELL, I'LL COME AGAIN.

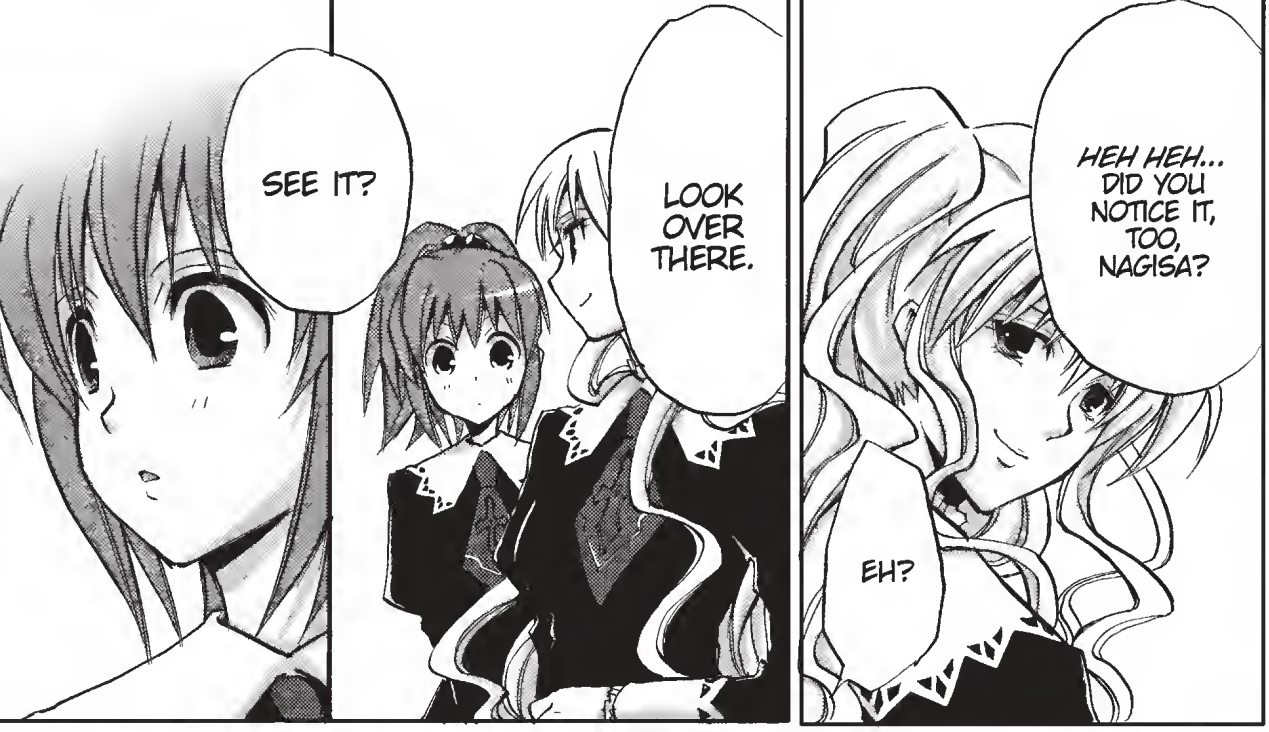
L.ih
STAAARE
PAP
PAP
ZOOM
RUSH
EH?!
UHH...
U-
UMM...
WHAT DID YOU TALK ABOUT?!
TELL US!!
IT'S NOT FAIR! WHAT DID AMANE-SAMA SAY?!
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?!

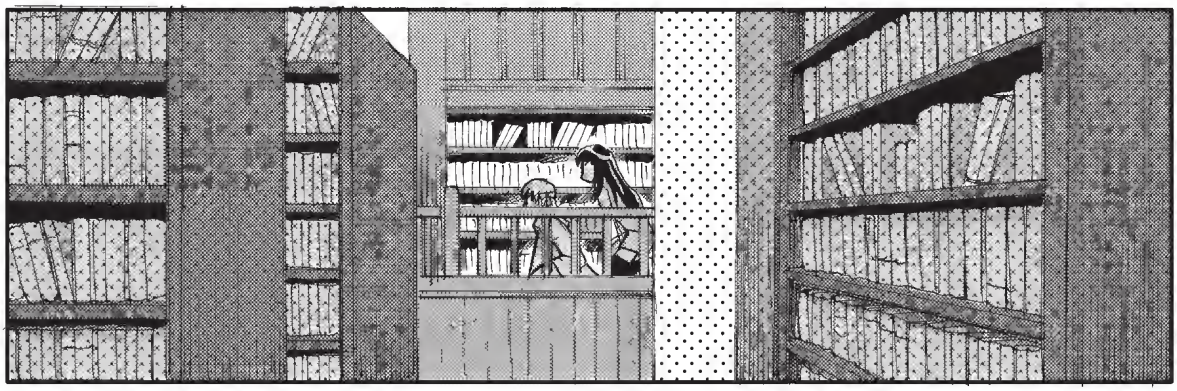
CREEEEEAK
AH, SO IT'S A LIBRARY!
WOOOOW, IT'S SO HUGE~!
YOU DO KNOW IT'S NOT LADY-LIKE TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH OPEN LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW.
AH! I-I'M SORRY...

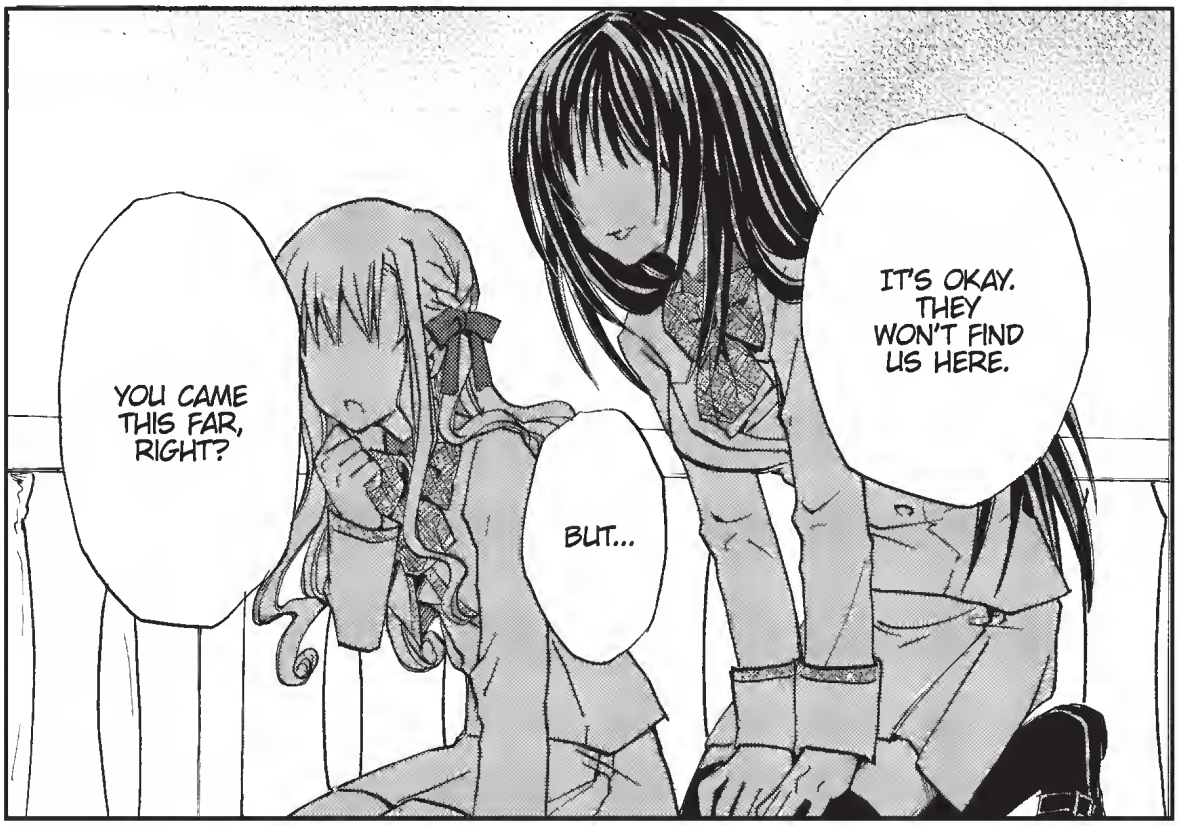
THIS WAY.


HMM... IT SEEMS REALLY QUIET IN HERE.
ARE THERE MANY STUDENTS IN HERE?


AND...
WHAT IS THIS?
THERE'S AN AIR OF EXCITEMENT.


SEE IT?
LOOK OVER THERE.
HEH HEH... DID YOU NOTICE IT, TOO, NAGISA?
EH?

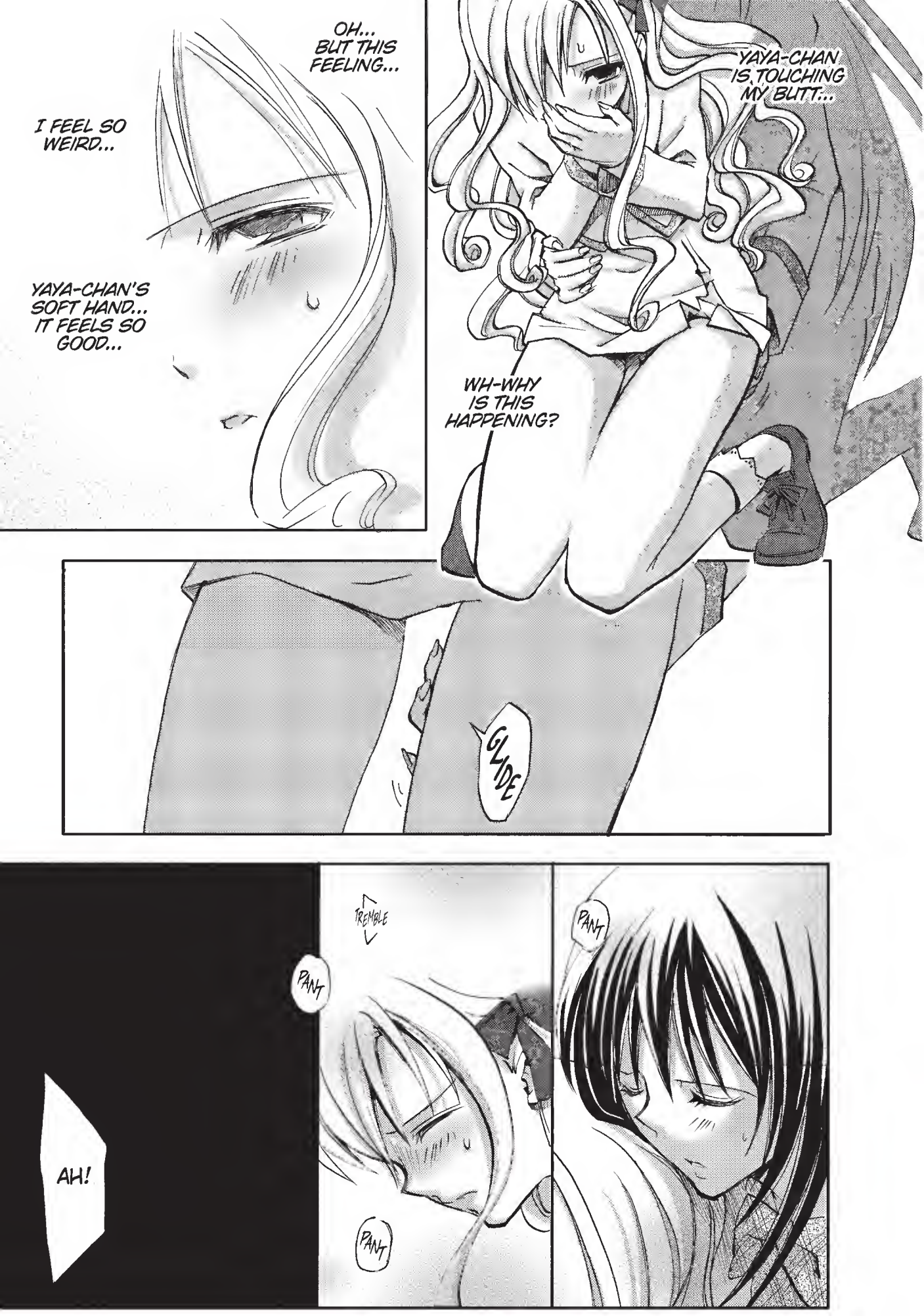



YOU CAME THIS FAR, RIGHT?
BUT...
IT'S OKAY. THEY WON'T FIND US HERE.

I KNOW WHY YOU CAME.
YOU WANT TO SEE IF SHE'S REALLY HERE... RIGHT?
AMANE-ONEESAMA IS *DEFINITELY* HERE RIGHT NOW.
BUT... BEFORE WE CHECK...
I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS FOR YOU.
EH?!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, YAYA-CHAN?

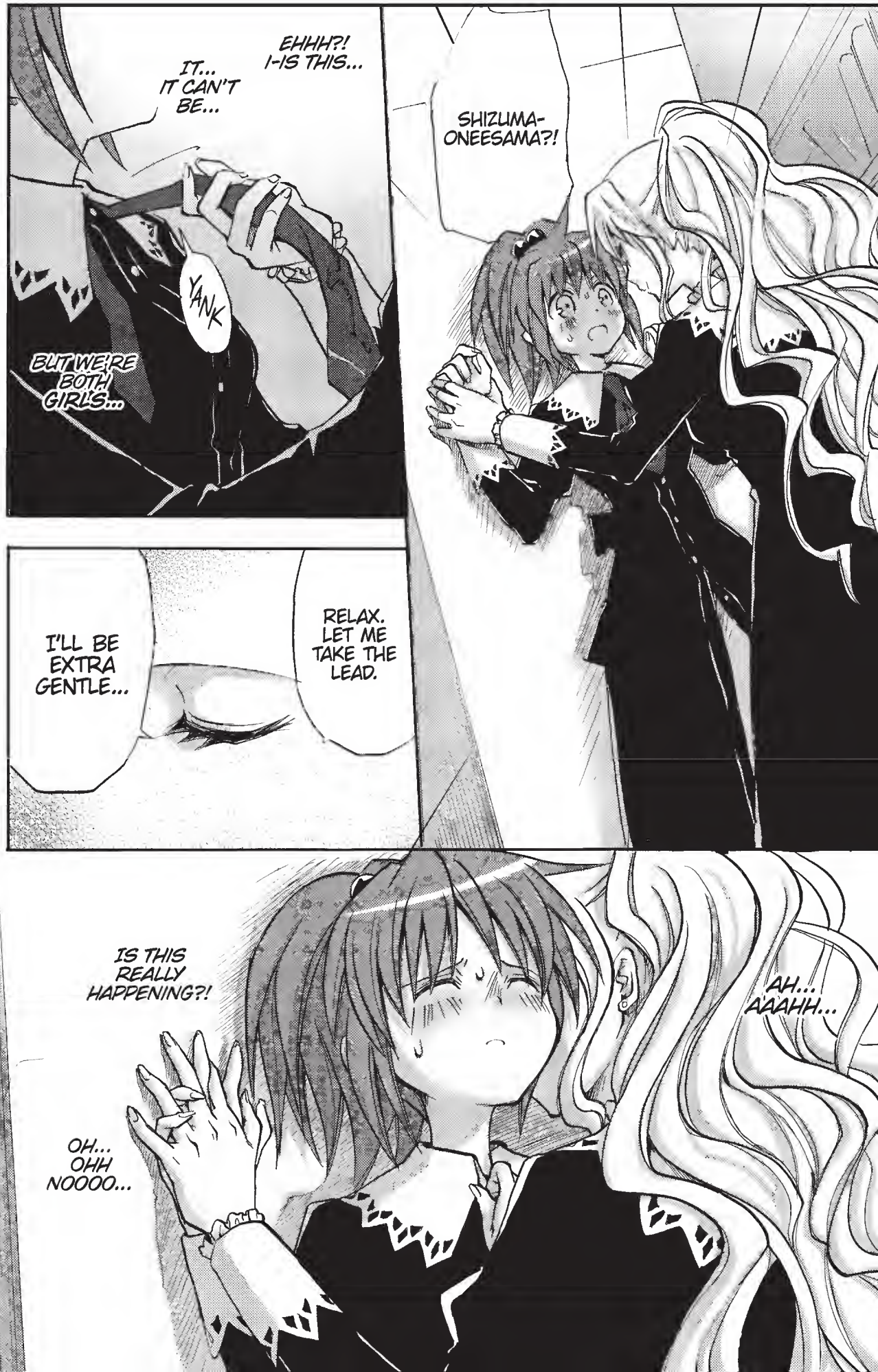
I KNOW I CAN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST SPICA'S NUMBER-ONE ONEESAMA. I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D FALL IN LOVE WITH HER AT FIRST SIGHT, BUT--
IT PAINS ME.
IT'S JUST THAT... I WANTED TO KNOW IF THE PERSON I MET IS REALLY ST. SPICA'S REVERED "PRINCE," THAT'S ALL.
I HAVEN'T FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HER.
THAT'S NOT IT!
WE ARE HERE ALONE, AFTER ALL.
THEN... CAN I... DO THIS?
.....?!
HMMM...

SQUEEEZE
AAAH!
YA-YAYA-CHAN?!
BE STILL...
YOU KNOW THAT OUR SKIRTS RIDE UP WHEN WE'RE LIKE THIS...
SHHH... QUIET...
WHAT A CUTE BUTT. ♡
GRAB

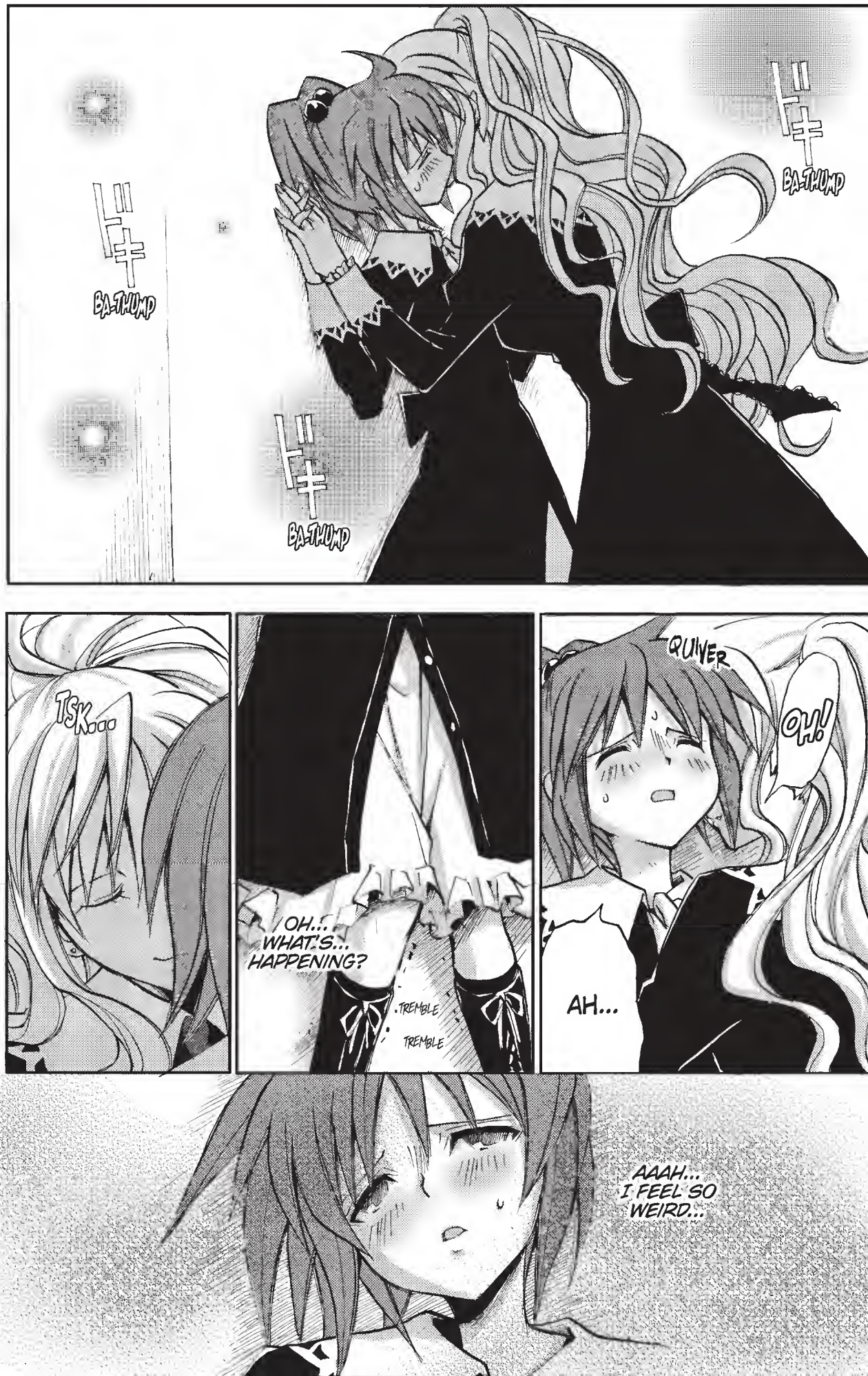

OH... BUT THIS FEELING...
I FEEL SO WEIRD...
YAYA-CHAN'S SOFT HAND... IT FEELS SO GOOD...
YAYA-CHAN IS TOUCHING MY BUTT...
WH-WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?
GLIDE
TREMBLE
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
AH!

ANY MORE WILL BE TOO MUCH FOR YOU, NAGISA-CHAN... OKAY?
GRAB
TH-THAT...
THAT WAS, UHH...
AFTER THAT, W-WILL THEY...?
HEH HEH... SO EVEN THE SPICA GIRLS FREQUENT THIS PLACE THESE DAYS.
AS YOU'VE PROBABLY ALREADY SURMISED... THIS LIBRARY IS ALSO KNOWN AS "THE SECRET GARDEN."
AND YES, MANY MIATOR STUDENTS USE THIS PLACE FOR SECRET RENDEZVOUS. ♡

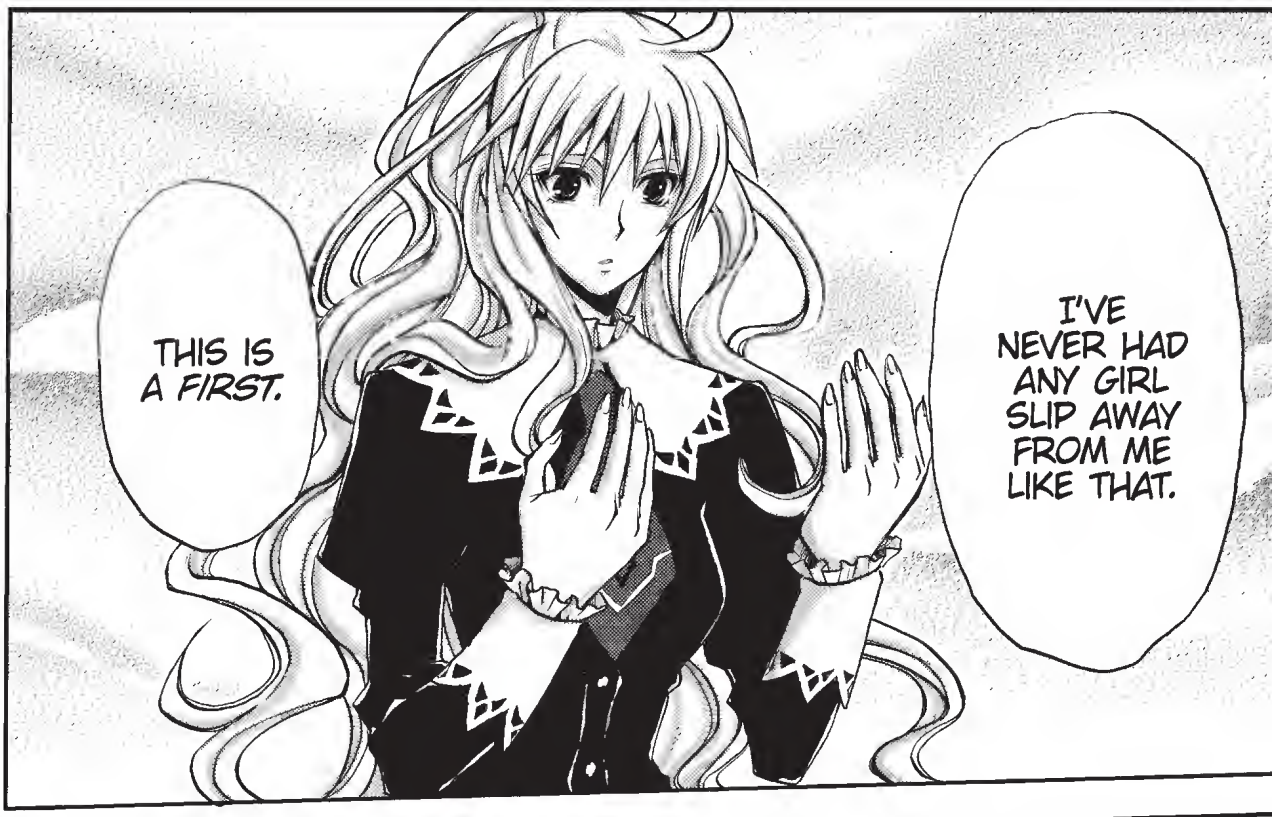
SHI-SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA, UMM...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WE SHOULD LEAVE THE LIBRARY SO WE WON'T BOTHER THEM.
SE--
SECRET RENDEZ-VOUS?!
GOOD-NESS, MY DEAR NAGISA.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO INVITED ME HERE.
AH!!
YOU INVITED ME HERE FOR THIS... RIGHT? OH, I'M SO GLAD, NAGISA.


EHHH?! I-IS THIS...
IT... IT CAN'T BE...
YANK
BUT WE'RE BOTH GIRLS...
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA?!
RELAX. LET ME TAKE THE LEAD.
I'LL BE EXTRA GENTLE...
IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?!
AH... AAAHH...
OH... OHH NOOOO...

Chapter 4: Pandemonium


BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
TSK...
OH..! WHAT'S... HAPPENING?
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
QUIVER
OH!
AH...
AAAH... I FEEL SO WEIRD...

I-I-I-
I NEED
TO GO!
U-
UHHH...
UMM...!
PUSH
N-NO...
ERR,
I NEED
TO GO TO
THE B-
BATHROOM!
EXCUSE
ME!!
FWOOSH
NA-
NAGISA-
CHAN?!
GOODNESS,
WHAT IS
WITH HER?
!!


I'VE NEVER HAD ANY GIRL SLIP AWAY FROM ME LIKE THAT.
THIS IS A FIRST.

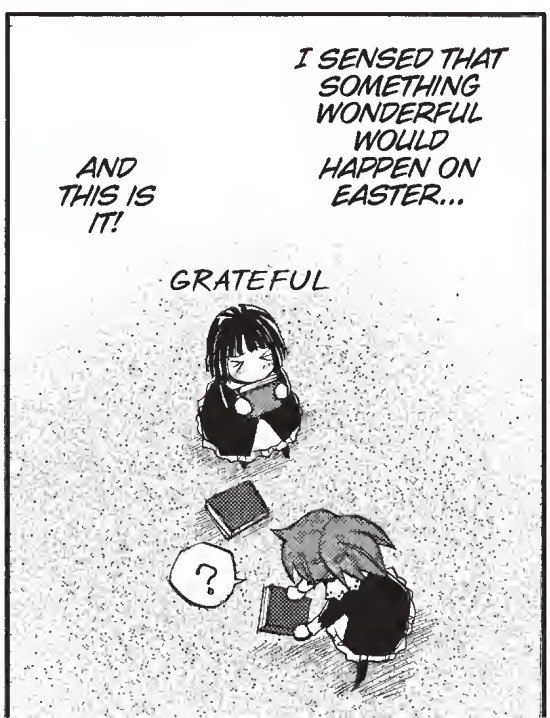
GOING TO THE BATHROOM, HUH?
HEH. SHE SURE KILLED THE MOOD.
SO...
SHE WAS BRAVE ENOUGH TO REPEL ME.
I LIKE YOU EVEN MORE...
NAGISA.

CLOK
CLOK
CLOK
OH, SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA!
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA!!
SHIZUMA-ONEE-SAMA... HOW COULD YOU?!
BUT... OH NO, I PUSHED SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA SO HARD...
OH NO... DID I UPSET MY ONEESAMA?
SHE TAUGHT ME SO MUCH AND WAS SO NICE TO ME, YET...
GLOOM
IT... IT WAS SO EMBAR-RASS-ING!
JEEZ!
かぁぁ
BLUSH
BUMP
OOF!

UH...
CHIYO-CHAN!

OH, I-I'M SO SORRY!
NO, IT'S MY FAULT...

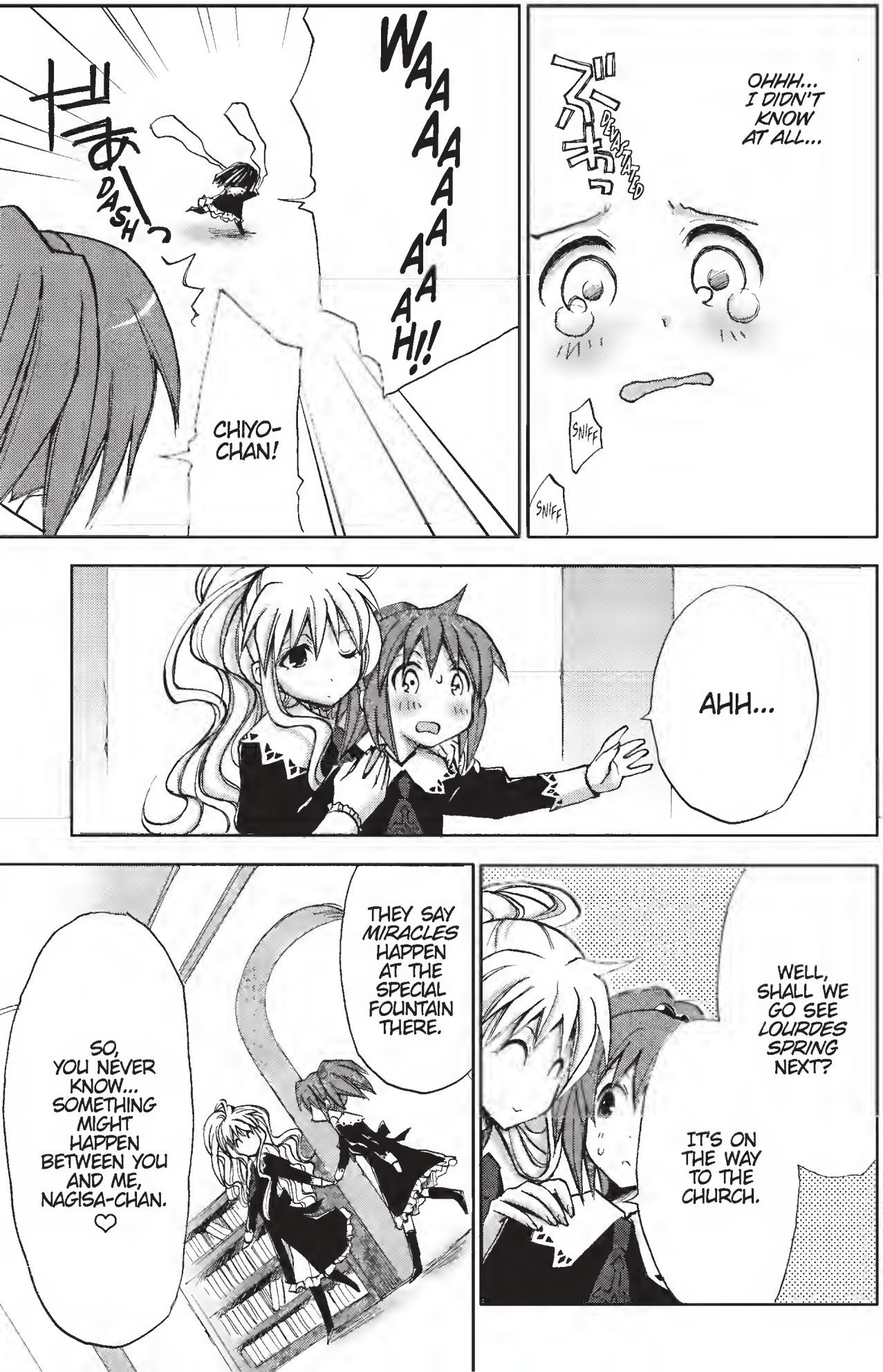
NA... NAGISA-ONEESAMA...!
AH...

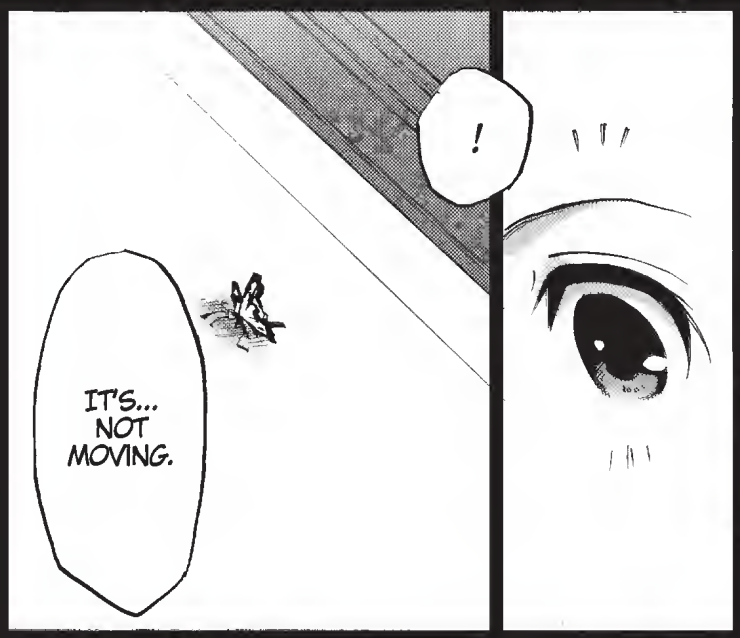

I SENSED THAT SOMETHING WONDERFUL WOULD HAPPEN ON EASTER...
AND THIS IS IT!
GRATEFUL
?

OH, I'M SO HAPPY I WAS WORKING IN THE LIBRARY TODAY!
WOW, I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE NAGISA-ONEESAMA HERE...
QUIVER QUIVER

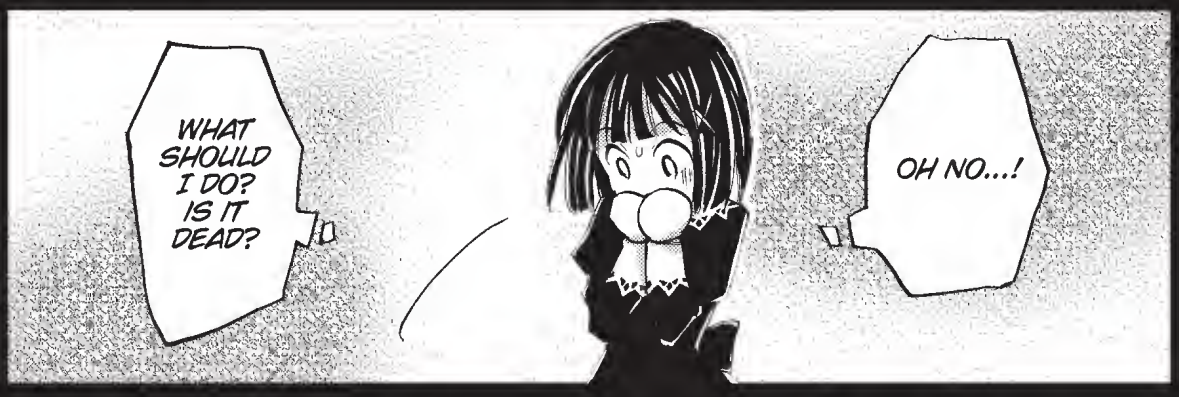
I JUST MET SPICA'S SUPERSTAR, OTORI AMANE-SAMA...
AND ON TOP OF THAT, I SAW NAGISA-ONEESAMA! I'M SOOO LUCKY!
NAGISA-ONEESAMA! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU!
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A BOOK?
PLEASE, LET ME HELP YOU!
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
NAGISA-CHAN!
THERE YOU ARE!!

EH?!
EH?!
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA?!
!!
SHIZUMA-ONEE-SAMA!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY THIS TIME, NAGISA...
SHIZUMA-ONEE-SAMA...
GOT YOU!
SQUEEEEEEZE
NAGISA-ONEESAMA IS ALREADY TAKEN...?! BY SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA?!!
SHOCK
!!


WAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!
DASH
CHIYO-CHAN!
OHHH... I DIDN'T KNOW AT ALL...
SNIFF
SNIFF
AHH...
THEY SAY MIRACLES HAPPEN AT THE SPECIAL FOUNTAIN THERE.
SO, YOU NEVER KNOW... SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU AND ME, NAGISA-CHAN. ♡
WELL, SHALL WE GO SEE LOURDES SPRING NEXT?
IT'S ON THE WAY TO THE CHURCH.


!
IT'S... NOT MOVING.

OH, A BUTTER-FLY...


WHAT SHOULD I DO? IS IT DEAD?
OH NO...!

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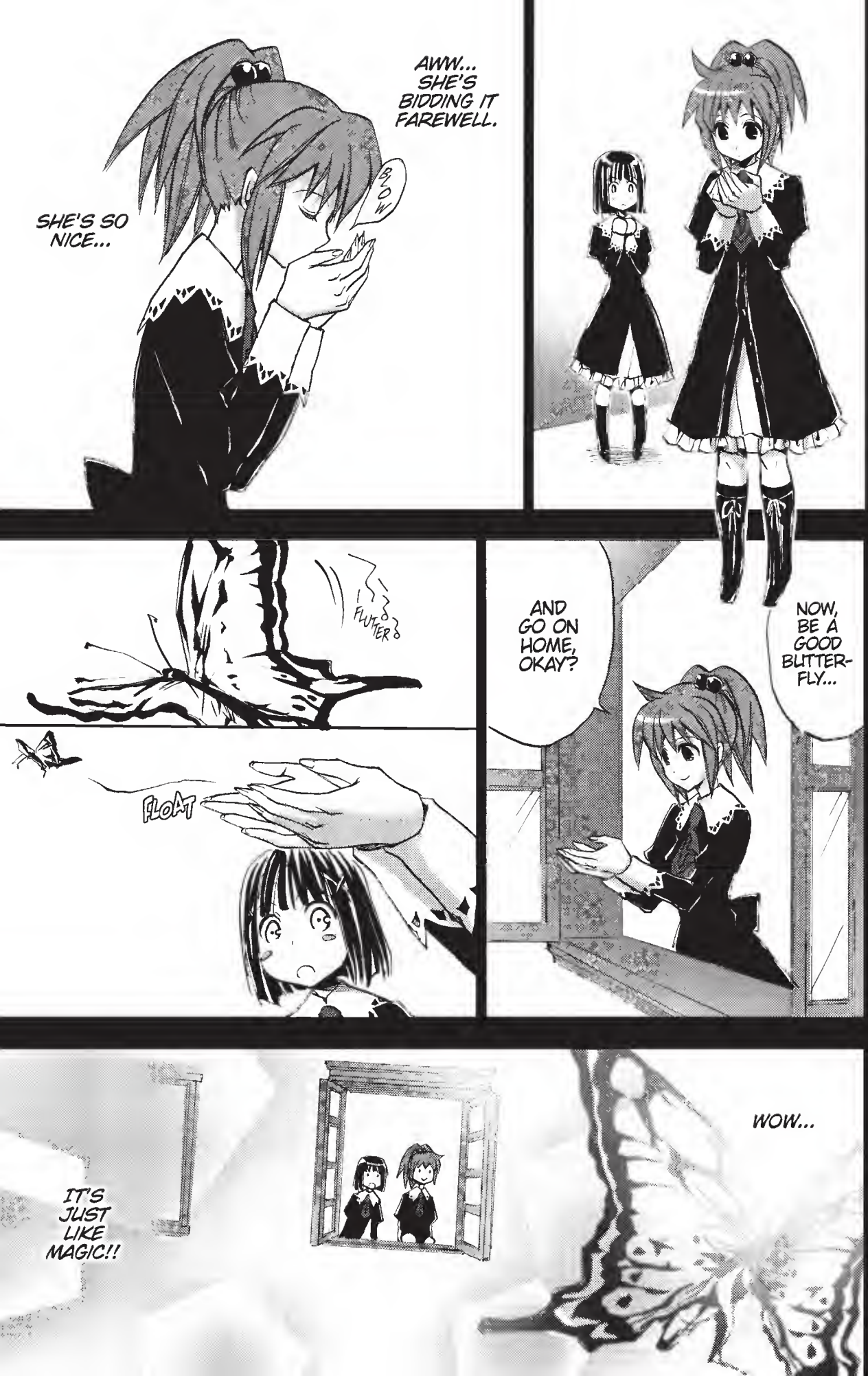
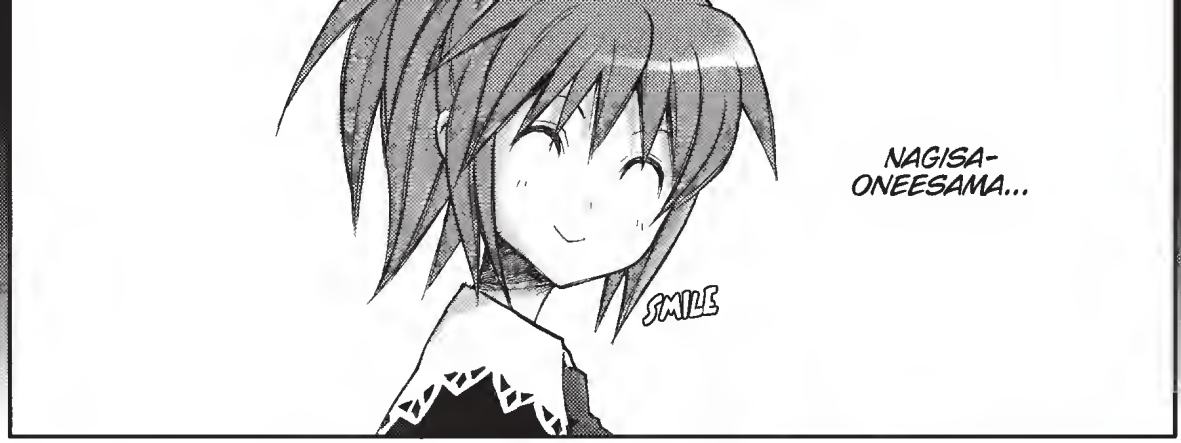
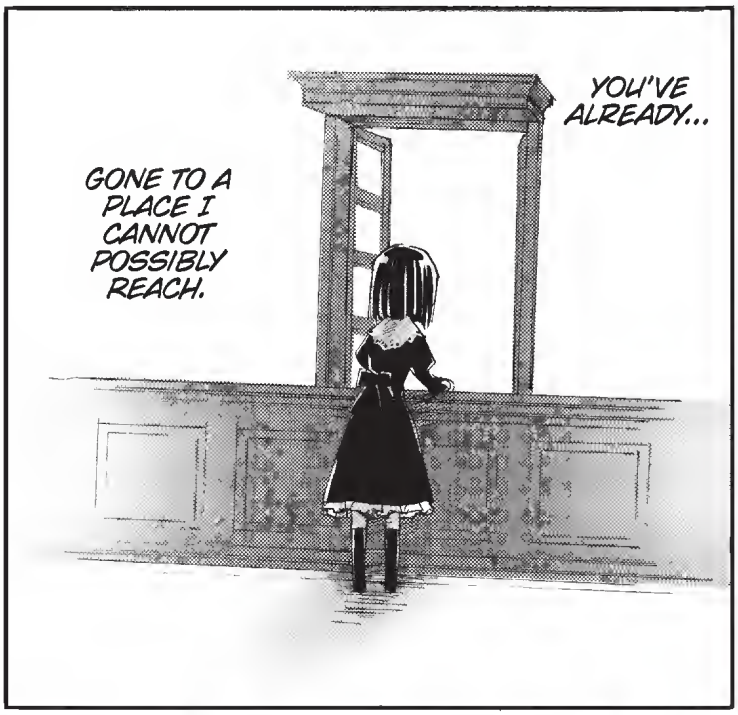
POOR THING... JUST LYING HERE.


AWW... SHE'S BIDDING IT FAREWELL.
SHE'S SO NICE...
BOW
FLUTTER
FLOAT
AND GO ON HOME, OKAY?
NOW, BE A GOOD BLITTER-FLY...
WOW...
IT'S JUST LIKE MAGIC!!


NAGISA-
ONEESAMA...
SMILE


YOU'VE
ALREADY...
GONE TO A
PLACE I
CANNOT
POSSIBLY
REACH.

TA-TAMAO-
ONEESAMA!
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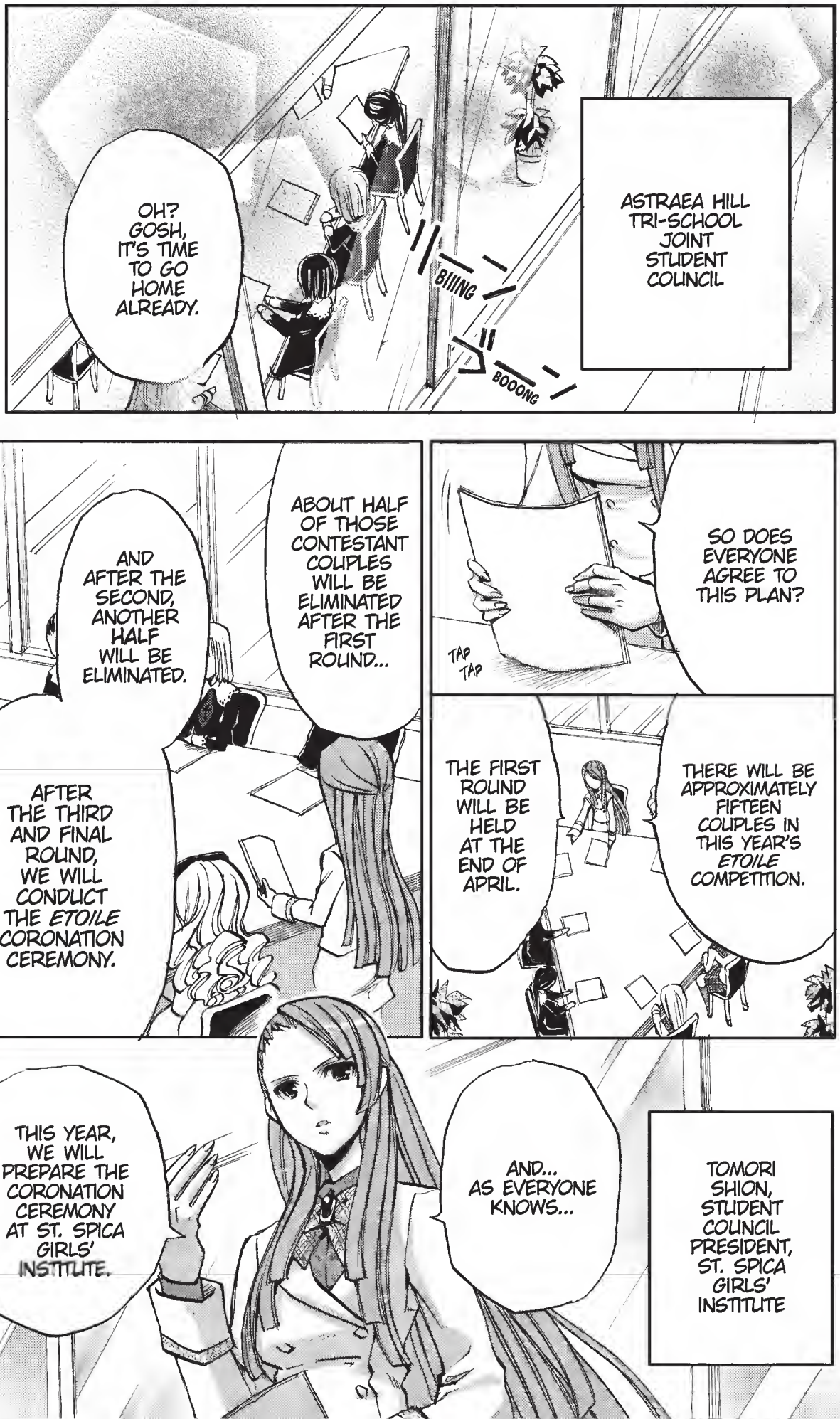
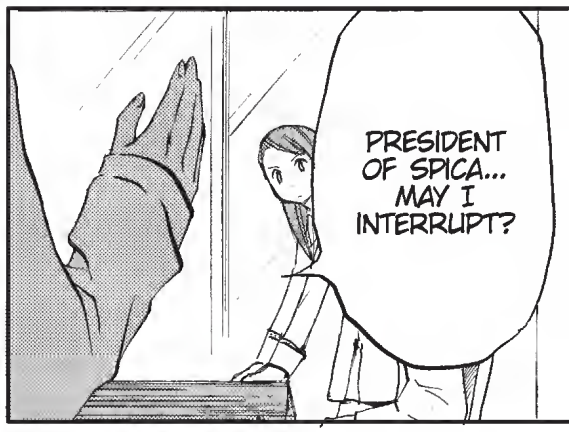
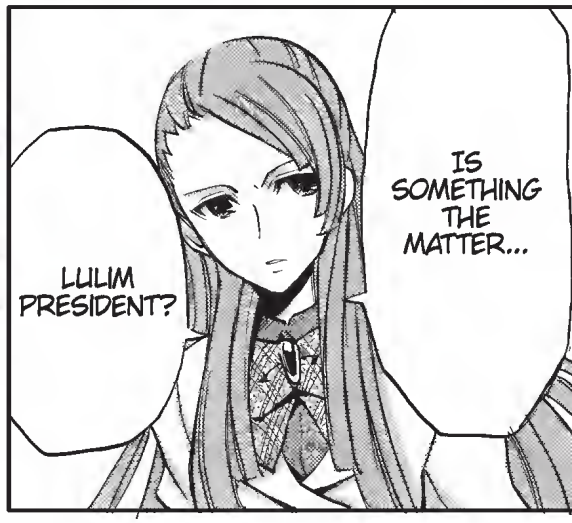
OH...
CHIYO-CHAN,
WHAT'S
WRONG?
WHY ARE
YOU
CRYING?

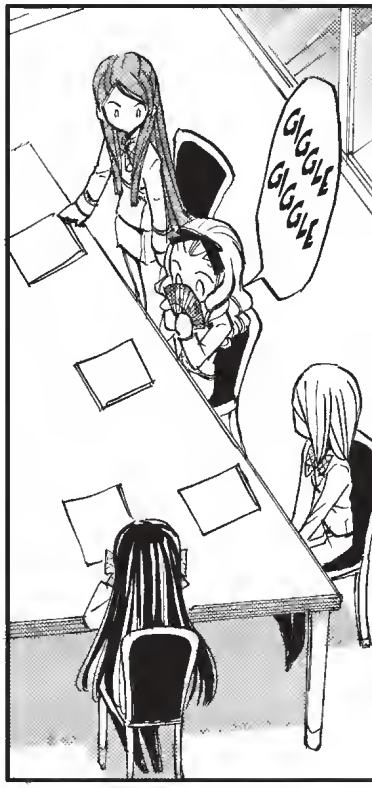

ASTRAEA HILL TRI-SCHOOL JOINT STUDENT COUNCIL
OH? GOSH, IT'S TIME TO GO HOME ALREADY.
BIIING
BOOONG
SO DOES EVERYONE AGREE TO THIS PLAN?
TAP TAP
THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN COUPLES IN THIS YEAR'S ETOILE COMPETITION.
THE FIRST ROUND WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF APRIL.
ABOUT HALF OF THOSE CONTESTANT COUPLES WILL BE ELIMINATED AFTER THE FIRST ROUND...
AND AFTER THE SECOND, ANOTHER HALF WILL BE ELIMINATED.
AFTER THE THIRD AND FINAL ROUND, WE WILL CONDUCT THE ETOILE CORONATION CEREMONY.
TOMORI SHION, STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, ST. SPICA GIRLS' INSTITUTE
AND... AS EVERYONE KNOWS...
THIS YEAR, WE WILL PREPARE THE CORONATION CEREMONY AT ST. SPICA GIRLS' INSTITUTE.

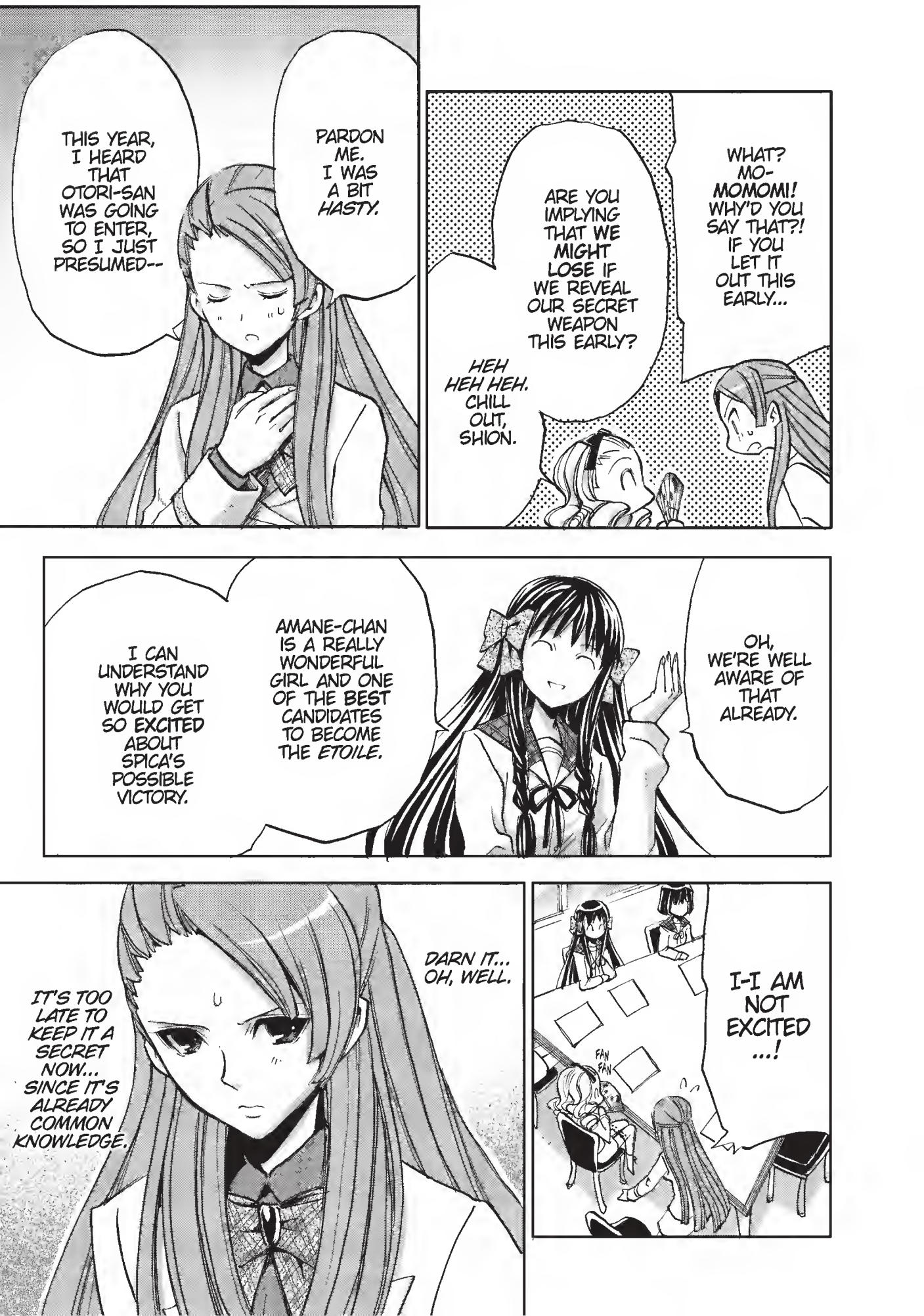
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SAYING IT WILL BE *PREPARED* AT SPICA THIS YEAR?
MINAMOTO CHIKARU, STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, ST. LULIM GIRLS' SCHOOL

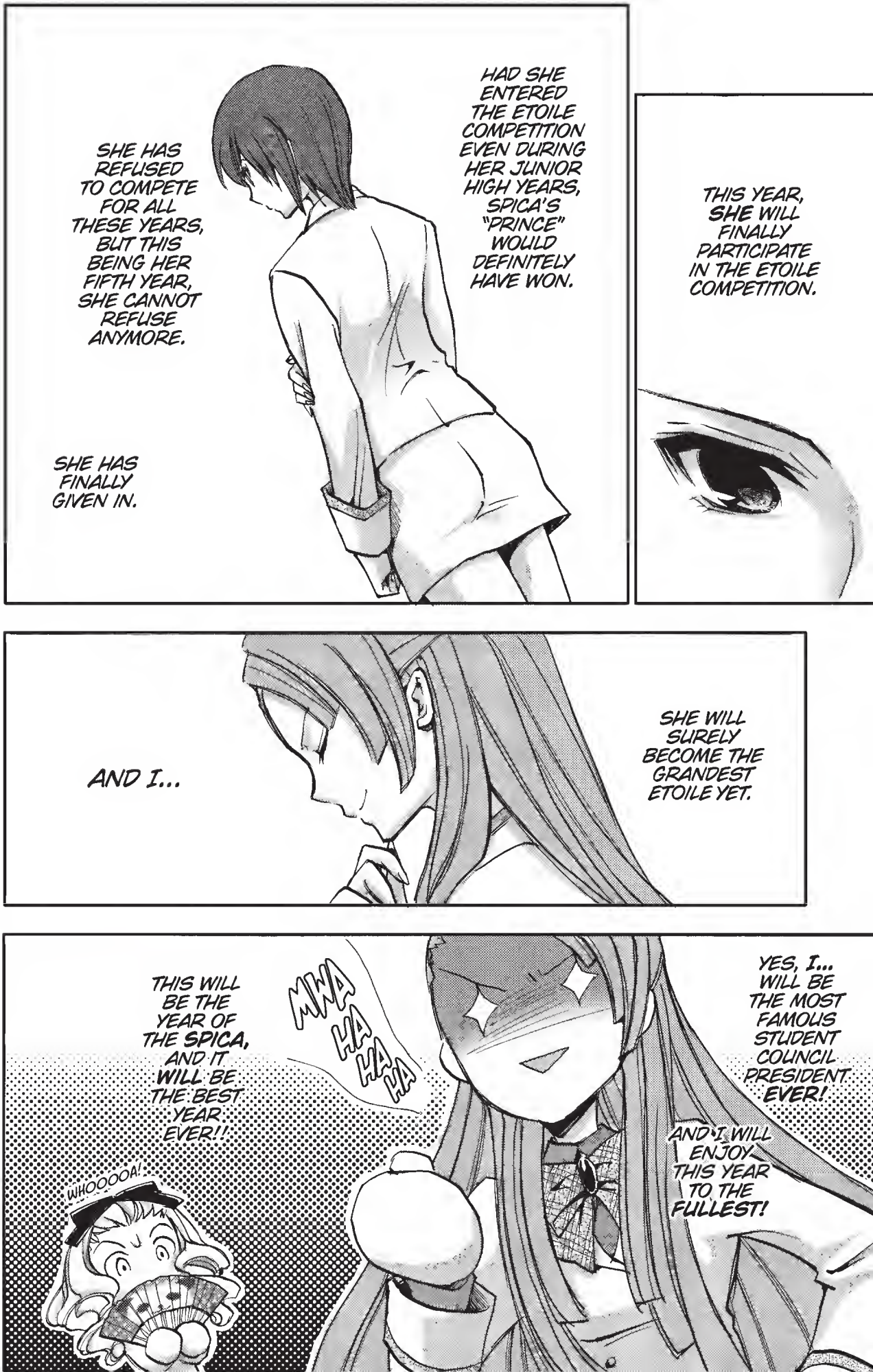

PRESIDENT OF SPICA... MAY I INTERRUPT?

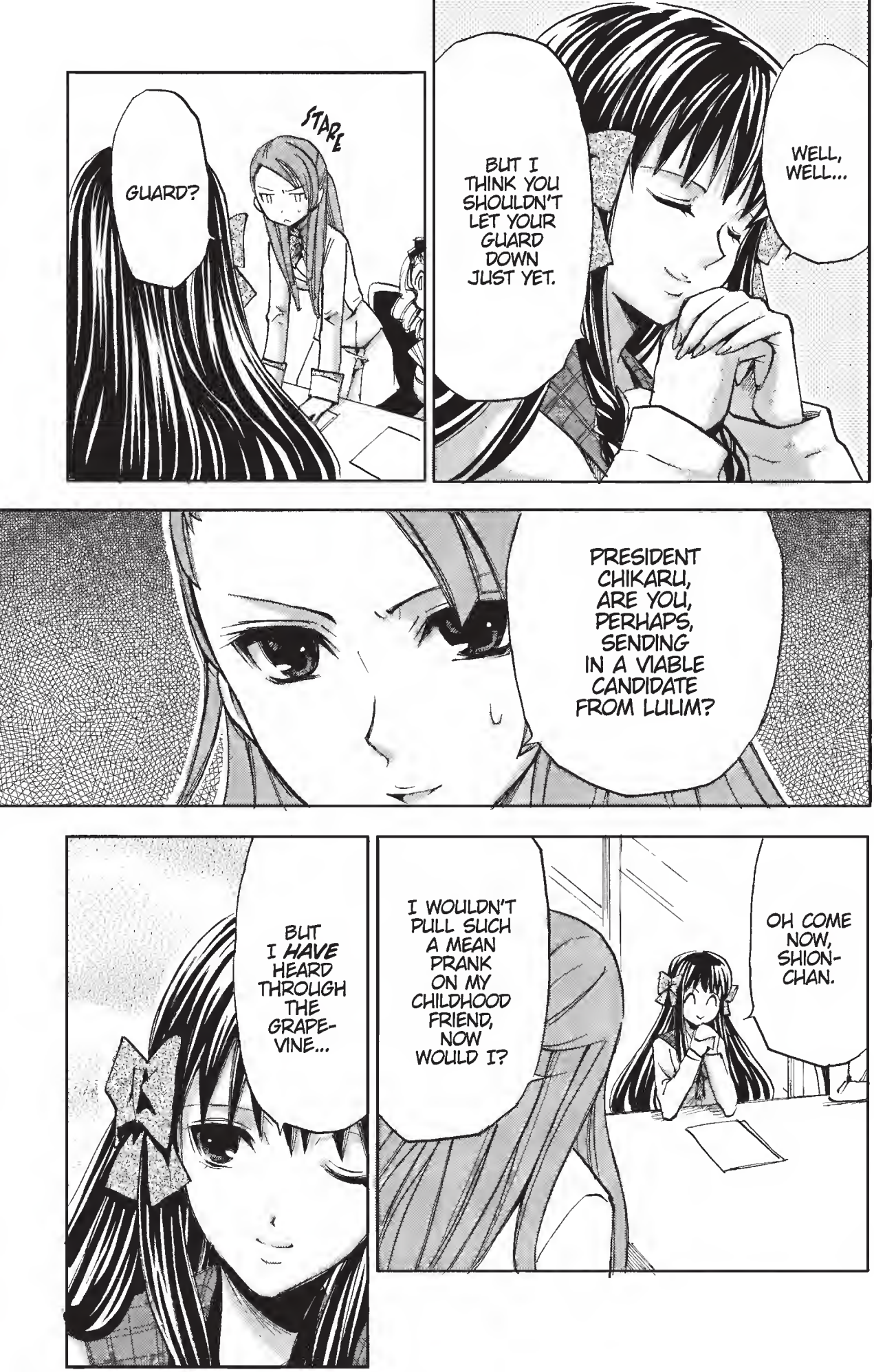

IS SOMETHING THE MATTER...
LULIM PRESIDENT?

BUT OF COURSE! THIS YEAR, SPICA'S "PRINCE" WILL BECOME THE *ETOILE* FOR SURE. ♡
AWW JEEZ, PRESIDENT CHIKARU. *EVERYONE* KNOWS BY NOW. WE DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN ALL THAT.
KIYASHIKI MOMOMI, STUDENT COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT, ST. SPICA GIRLS' INSTITUTE


GIGGLE GIGGLE

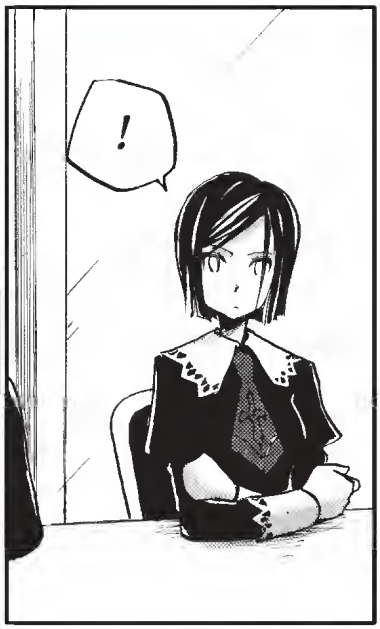

PARDON ME. I WAS A BIT HASTY.
THIS YEAR, I HEARD THAT OTORI-SAN WAS GOING TO ENTER, SO I JUST PRESUMED--
WHAT? MO-MOMOMI! WHY'D YOU SAY THAT?! IF YOU LET IT OUT THIS EARLY...
ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT WE MIGHT LOSE IF WE REVEAL OUR SECRET WEAPON THIS EARLY?
HEH HEH HEH. CHILL OUT, SHION.
OH, WE'RE WELL AWARE OF THAT ALREADY.
AMANE-CHAN IS A REALLY WONDERFUL GIRL AND ONE OF THE BEST CANDIDATES TO BECOME THE ETOILE.
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD GET SO EXCITED ABOUT SPICA'S POSSIBLE VICTORY.
I-I AM NOT EXCITED ...!
FAN FAN
DARN IT... OH, WELL.
IT'S TOO LATE TO KEEP IT A SECRET NOW... SINCE IT'S ALREADY COMMON KNOWLEDGE.


SHE HAS REFUSED TO COMPETE FOR ALL THESE YEARS, BUT THIS BEING HER FIFTH YEAR, SHE CANNOT REFUSE ANYMORE.
SHE HAS FINALLY GIVEN IN.
HAD SHE ENTERED THE ETOILE COMPETITION EVEN DURING HER JUNIOR HIGH YEARS, SPICA'S "PRINCE" WOULD DEFINITELY HAVE WON.
THIS YEAR, SHE WILL FINALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE ETOILE COMPETITION.
AND I...
SHE WILL SURELY BECOME THE GRANDEST ETOILE YET.
THIS WILL BE THE YEAR OF THE SPICA, AND IT WILL BE THE BEST YEAR EVER!!
WHOOOOA!
NWA HA HA HA
YES, I... WILL BE THE MOST FAMOUS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT EVER!
AND I WILL ENJOY THIS YEAR TO THE FULLEST!


WELL, WELL...
BUT I THINK YOU SHOULDN'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN JUST YET.
STARE
GUARD?
PRESIDENT CHIKARU, ARE YOU, PERHAPS, SENDING IN A VIABLE CANDIDATE FROM LULIM?
OH COME NOW, SHION-CHAN.
I WOULDN'T PULL SUCH A MEAN PRANK ON MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND, NOW WOULD I?
BUT I *HAVE* HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPE-VINE...

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE FOURTH-YEAR STUDENT THAT TRANSFERRED IN THIS YEAR?
...ABOUT A SLIGHT *COMMOTION* AT ST. MIATOR.

THAT THE PREVIOUS *ETOILE* HAS EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN THIS NEW STUDENT.
WELL, RUMORS SAY...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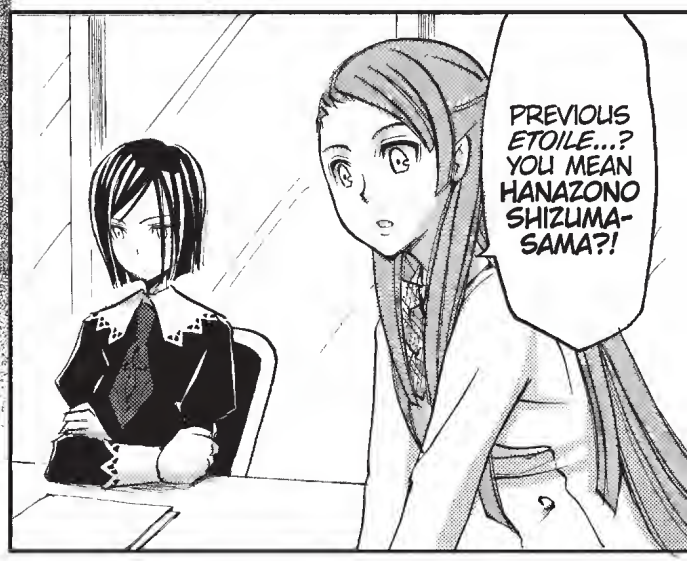
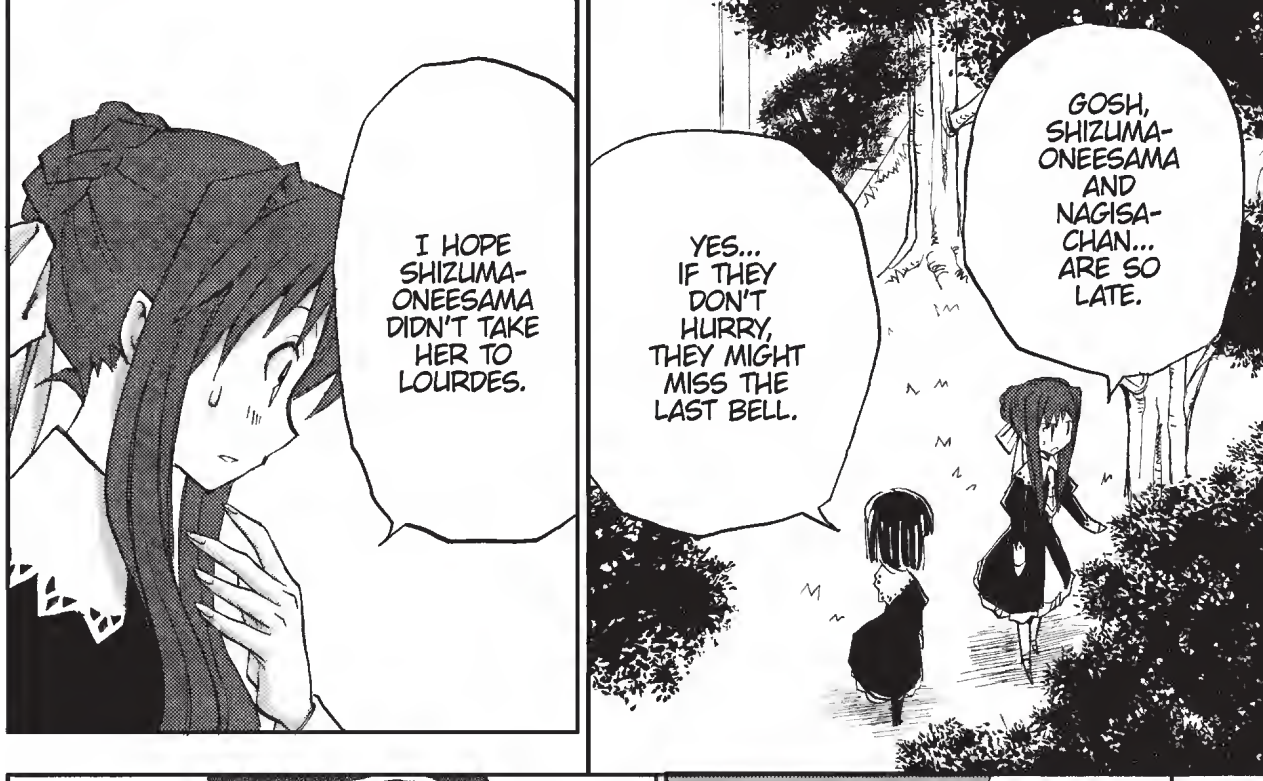
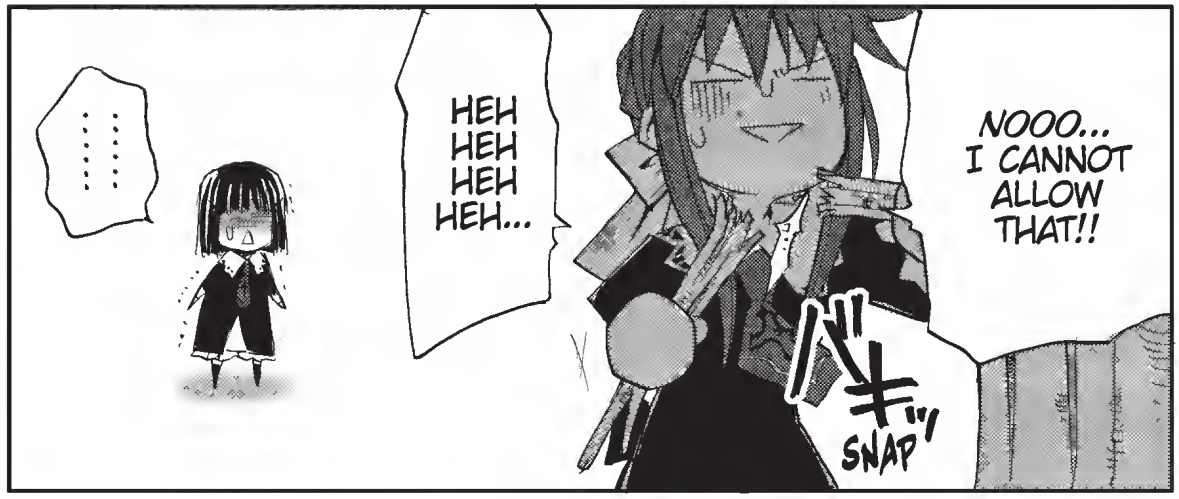

PREVIOUS *ETOILE*...? YOU MEAN HANAZONO SHIZUMA-SAMA?!

SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA AND NAGISA-CHAN WERE *HUGGING*?!
WHAAT ?!
NOOO... I CANNOT ALLOW THAT!!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
THEY DID THIS... AND *THAT* ALREADY?!
DON'T TELL ME...
SMOOOCH
DID I SCARE YOU?
FERVENT DENIAL
AH... *OOPS...* I'M SORRY... I...
PANT
TAMAO-ONEESAMA...


GOSH, SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA AND NAGISA-CHAN... ARE SO LATE.
YES... IF THEY DON'T HURRY, THEY MIGHT MISS THE LAST BELL.
I HOPE SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA DIDN'T TAKE HER TO LOURDES.

UH... DO YOU MEAN *LOURDES SPRING*?
YES. SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA *IS* LIKELY TO DO SUCH A THING!
FIRST, THE SECRET GARDEN, THEN THE FOUNTAIN OF MIRACLES...
SHE'S DEFINITELY UP TO SOMETHING, FOR SURE.


NOOO... I CANNOT ALLOW THAT!!
SNAP
HEH HEH HEH HEH...
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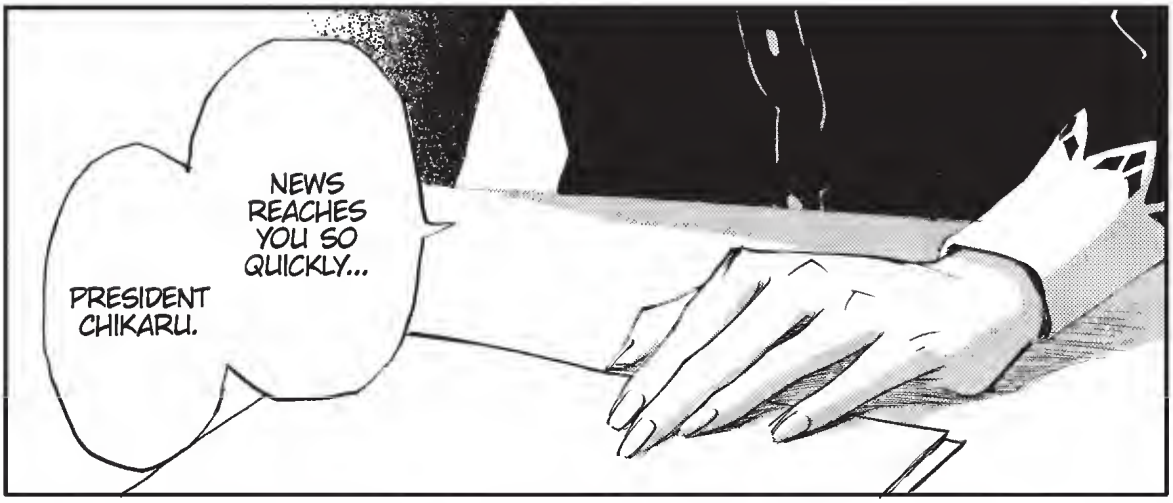
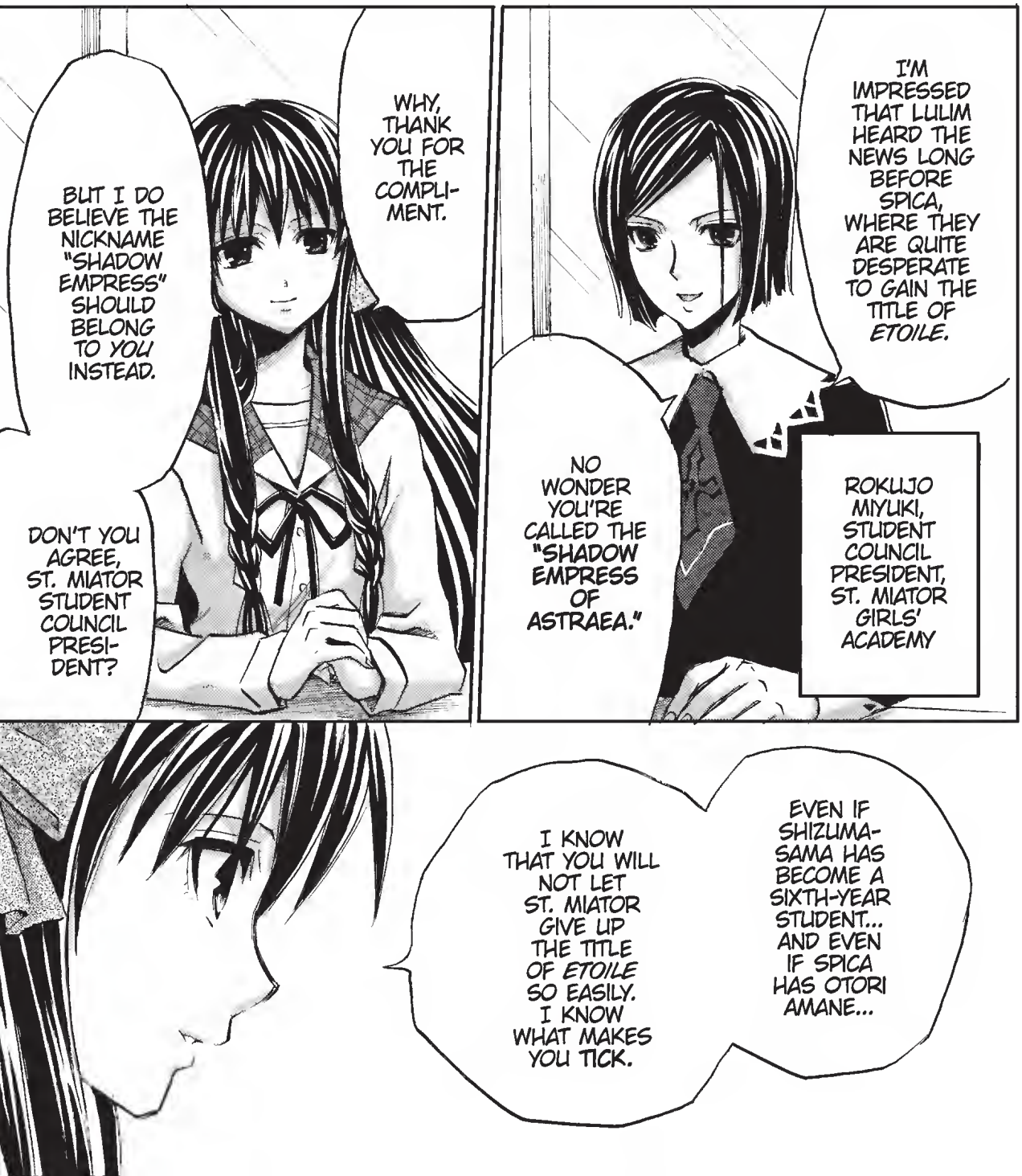

NEWS REACHES YOU SO QUICKLY...
PRESIDENT CHIKARU.

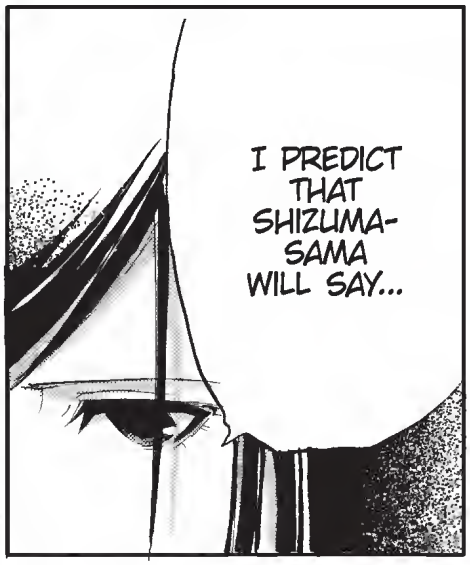

I'M IMPRESSED THAT LULIM HEARD THE NEWS LONG BEFORE SPICA, WHERE THEY ARE QUITE DESPERATE TO GAIN THE TITLE OF ETOILE.
ROKUJO MIYUKI, STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, ST. MIATOR GIRLS' ACADEMY
NO WONDER YOU'RE CALLED THE "SHADOW EMPRESS OF ASTRAEA."
WHY, THANK YOU FOR THE COMPLI-MENT.
BUT I DO BELIEVE THE NICKNAME "SHADOW EMPRESS" SHOULD BELONG TO YOU INSTEAD.
DON'T YOU AGREE, ST. MIATOR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESI-DENT?
EVEN IF SHIZUMA-SAMA HAS BECOME A SIXTH-YEAR STUDENT... AND EVEN IF SPICA HAS OTORI AMANE...
I KNOW THAT YOU WILL NOT LET ST. MIATOR GIVE UP THE TITLE OF ETOILE SO EASILY. I KNOW WHAT MAKES YOU TICK.

ACTUALLY, I REALLY DIDN'T HAVE MUCH HOPE FOR WINNING THIS YEAR'S *ETOILE* COMPETITION.
ESPECIALLY WITH PRINCE AMANE PARTICIPATING.
BUT...

MIATOR'S MOST BELOVED ONEESAMA AND PREVIOUS *ETOILE*, HANAZONO SHIZUMA-SAMA...
HAS EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN THE NEW TRANSFER STUDENT.
I JUST HEARD ABOUT THIS, AS WELL.

BUT?
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, PRESIDENT CHIKARU.

"I WANT TO BE AN *ETOILE* WITH HER."
WITH-OUT A DOUBT.


I PREDICT THAT SHIZUMA-SAMA WILL SAY...

BUT SHIZUMA-SAMA WAS AN ETOILE ALREADY...
TITLES DON'T MATTER TO HER.
SHE PROBABLY WOULDN'T CARE ABOUT THE TITLE... BUT IF IT CAN BE USED AS A TOOL TO ADVANCE HER RELATIONSHIP, SHE WILL TAKE IT SERIOUSLY.
A FULLY MOTIVATED SHIZUMA-SAMA WOULD BE ABLE TO WIN THE TITLE OF ETOILE ANY DAY.
I UNDER-STAND THE PRESIDENT OF SPICA'S AMBITIONS.
BUT MIATOR CANNOT PASS UP SUCH A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY EITHER.
MAY THE BEST COUPLE WIN.
SMIRK
W-WAIT!
IS THAT A DECLA-RATION OF WAR...
MIATOR PRESI-DENT?!
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POINT

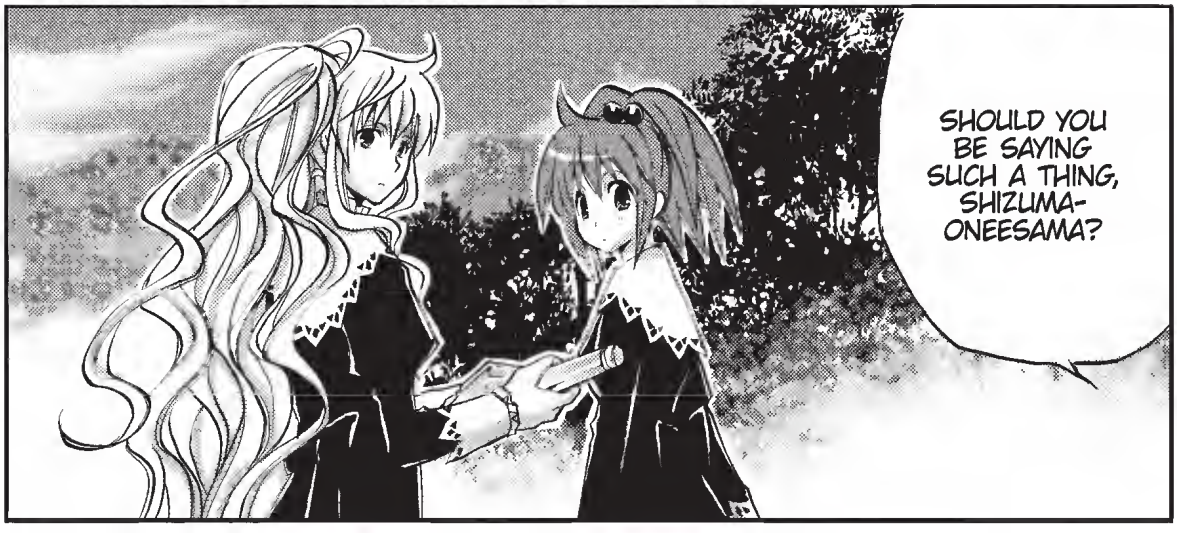
OH, MY...
THIS IS ASTRAEA'S FORBIDDEN SIGNAL.
THE SIGN OF A CHALLENGE.
VERY WELL.
EVEN THOUGH PRESIDENT CHIKARU STARTED THIS, I SUPPOSE THERE IS NO HOLDING BACK NOW.
OH, LOVELY...
THIS WILL BE QUITE INTERESTING.
WE WILL FIGHT OUR ONCOMING ENEMY WITH LOVE.
I WILL DRAW UPON THE WHOLE STRENGTH OF MIATOR AND ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE!

Chapter 5: The Queen's Decision

WE'RE RUNNING LATE.

THERE'S NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT IT.
BUT... IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, HOLY WATER IS JUST PLAIN WATER.

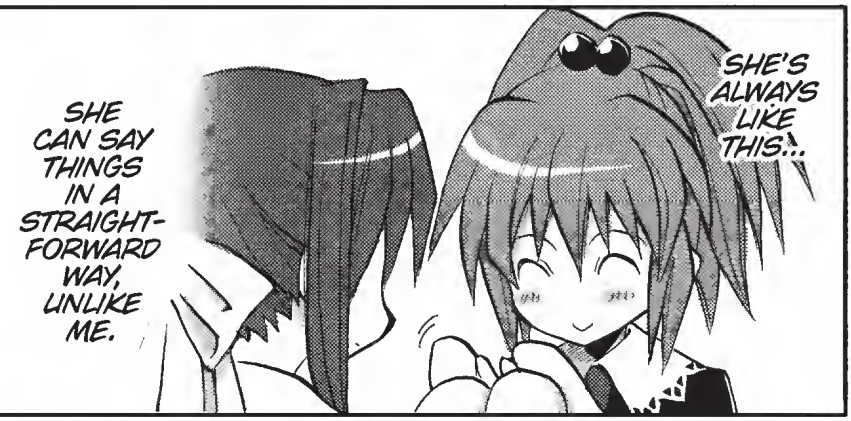
WE WANDERED OFF TO SO MANY PLACES THAT WE ALMOST FORGOT THE HOLY WATER.


SHOULD YOU BE SAYING SUCH A THING, SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA?

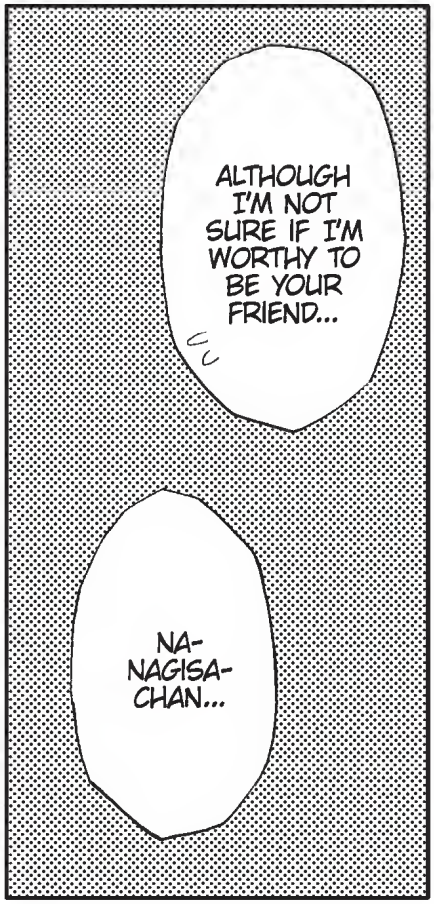
TAMAO-CHAN! CHIYO-CHAN!!
WELL, WE WERE LATE BECAUSE WE WERE SIDE-TRACKED A BIT.
ARE YOU ON YOUR WAY BACK?
THE DISMISSAL BELL RANG LONG AGO. IT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO STAY THIS LATE.
RUSTLE
SIDE-TRACKED, HUH?
TSUKIDATE-SAN SAW BOTH OF YOU AT THE LIBRARY.
CONSIDERING THE PLACE... I WAS WORRIED THAT MY NAGISA-CHAN MAY HAVE DONE SOMETHING RUDE TO YOU, SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA.
YOUR NAGISA-CHAN?
GLARE
YES, MY NAGISA-CHAN. ♡

COINCIDENTALLY, NAGISA-CHAN AND I SIT NEXT TO EACH OTHER IN CLASS AND SHARE A DORM ROOM, TOO.
RIGHT, NAGISA-CHAN?
UH... YES.
COINCI-DENTALLY, EH...
GLARE GLARE
IF NAGISA-CHAN HAS UPSET YOU IN ANY WAY, THEN I TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOT PROPERLY TEACHING HER THE CUSTOMS OF MIATOR.
ONEESAMA, PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
TAMAO-CHAN, YOU WORRY TOO MUCH!
JEEZ, DON'T MAKE SUCH A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT!
BUT... THANK YOU.
CLASP

TAMAO-CHAN, YOU'RE SO PRETTY... AND SMART... AND FUN.
AND YOU'VE BEEN SO NICE TO ME EVER SINCE I TRANSFERRED HERE.
I CONSIDER YOU TO BE MY BEST FRIEND AT MIATOR!

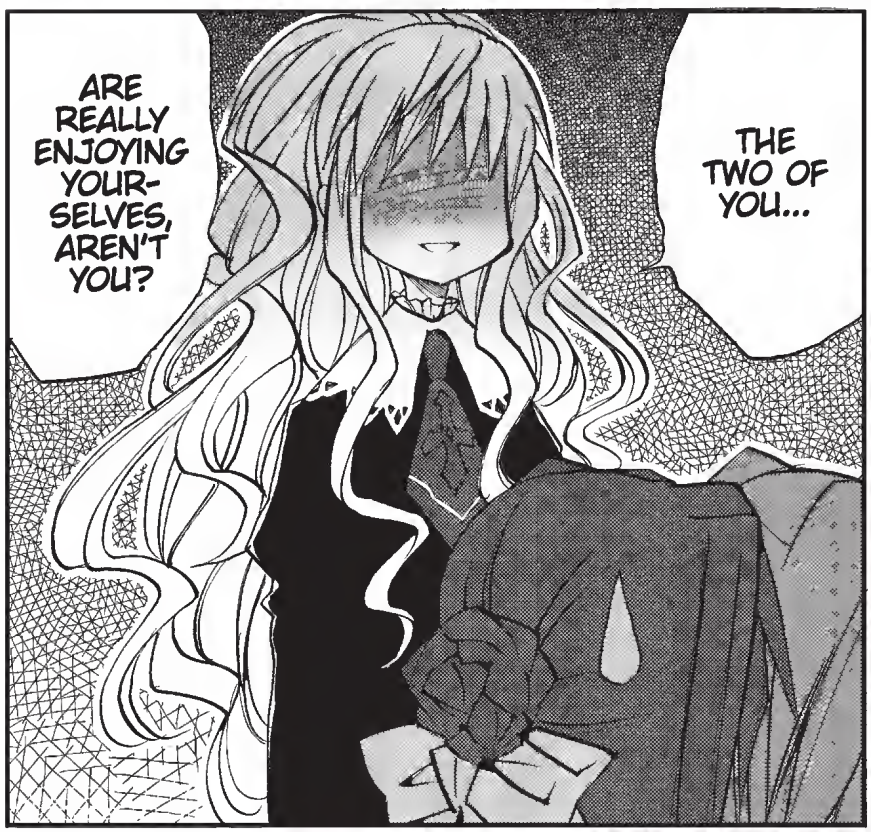

SHE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS...
SHE CAN SAY THINGS IN A STRAIGHT-FORWARD WAY, UNLIKE ME.

SHE'S SO UNBELIEV-ABLY HONEST.
SHE'S NOT JADED LIKE ME, EITHER, BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T GROW UP IN MY WARPED HOUSE-HOLD.


ALTHOUGH I'M NOT SURE IF I'M WORTHY TO BE YOUR FRIEND...
NA-NAGISA-CHAN...

AWWW, I COULD JUST EAT YOU UP RIGHT HERE AND NOW! ♡
YOU'RE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR THAT GOD HAS SENT TO ME, NAGISA-CHAN!
HA HA! TAMAO-CHAN, YOU'RE SO SILLY! ♡
NAGISA-CHAN, I COULD LIVE FOR A WEEK OFF OF YOUR KIND WORDS!
HUG
OH, I'M SO HAPPY!

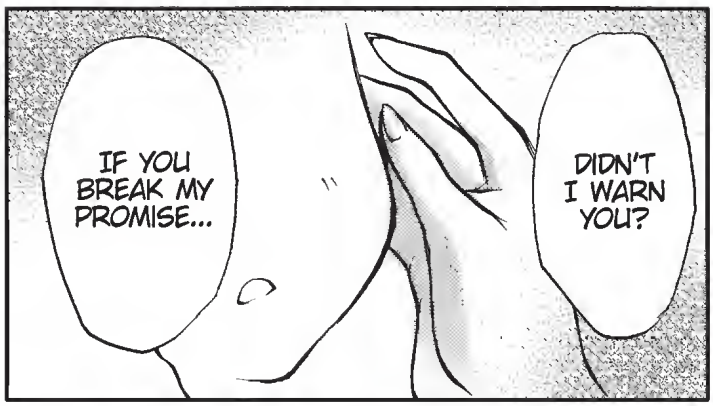
RIGHT, SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA?
AND FUNNY, TOO!


ARE REALLY ENJOYING YOUR-SELVES, AREN'T YOU?
THE TWO OF YOU...

AH...
?

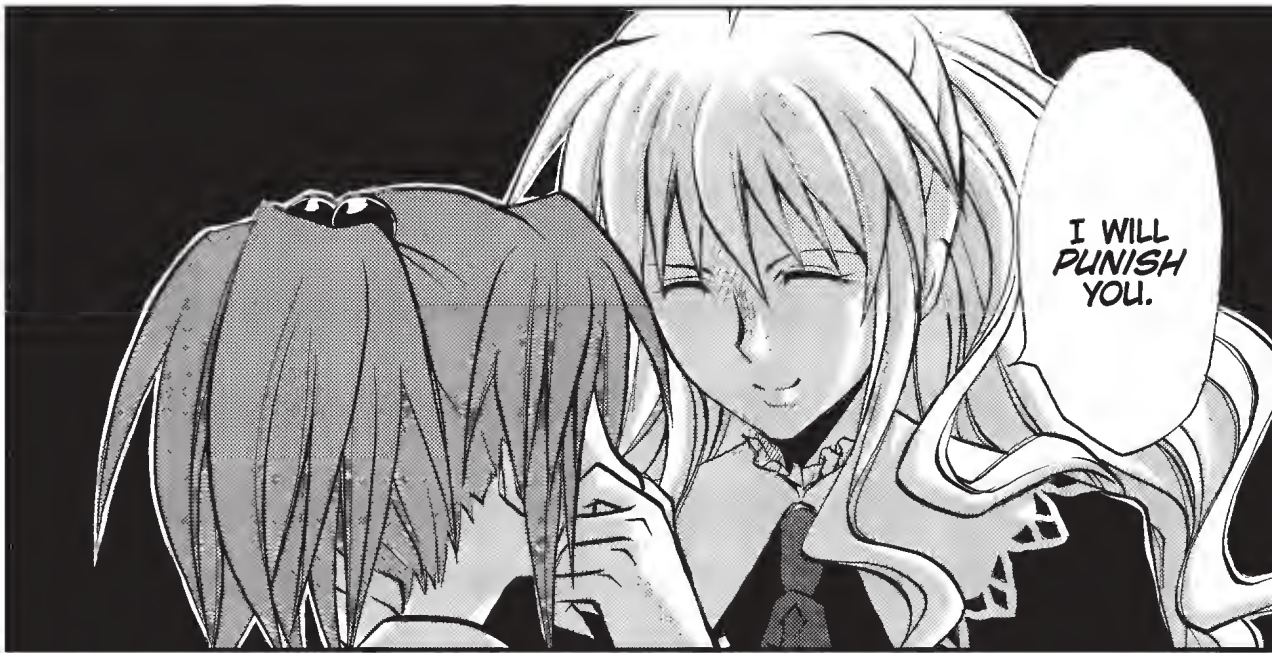
WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE WE FOUND SOMEONE TO NOMINATE YOU, NAGISA.
NOMINATE?
YES...
THE FIRST *ETOILE* COMPETITION WILL BEGIN AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.
NAGISA-CHAN... I'M GLAD THAT YOU HAVE SUCH A NICE CLASSMATE.
STROKE
STROKE
.....
I'VE DECIDED...
JUST NOW...
I, HANAZONO SHIZUMA, PROMISE YOU, AOI NAGISA...
THAT WE SHALL WIN "THE CROWN OF MIRACLES"... ***TOGETHER.***

SHI-SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA?!


IF YOU BREAK MY PROMISE...
DIDN'T I WARN YOU?

HONESTLY, I DIDN'T WANT TO GET YOU MIXED UP IN THIS.
BUT... I DO NEED TO TEACH YOU.

LICK!
PULL


I WILL *PUNISH* YOU.

IT WAS A PROMISE TO CALL HER "SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA"?
OWW... BUT I THOUGHT...
GLARE
BUT PAY ATTENTION... I HAVE SOMETHING I NEED TO TEACH YOU.
NAGISA... I'LL FORGIVE YOU THIS TIME, SINCE YOU DIDN'T KNOW.
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SMACK

SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA...
FROM NOW ON, I WILL NOT FORGIVE YOU IF ANYONE ELSE DARES TO TOUCH YOU.
THIS IS THE TRUE MEANING OF CALLING ME "ONEESAMA."

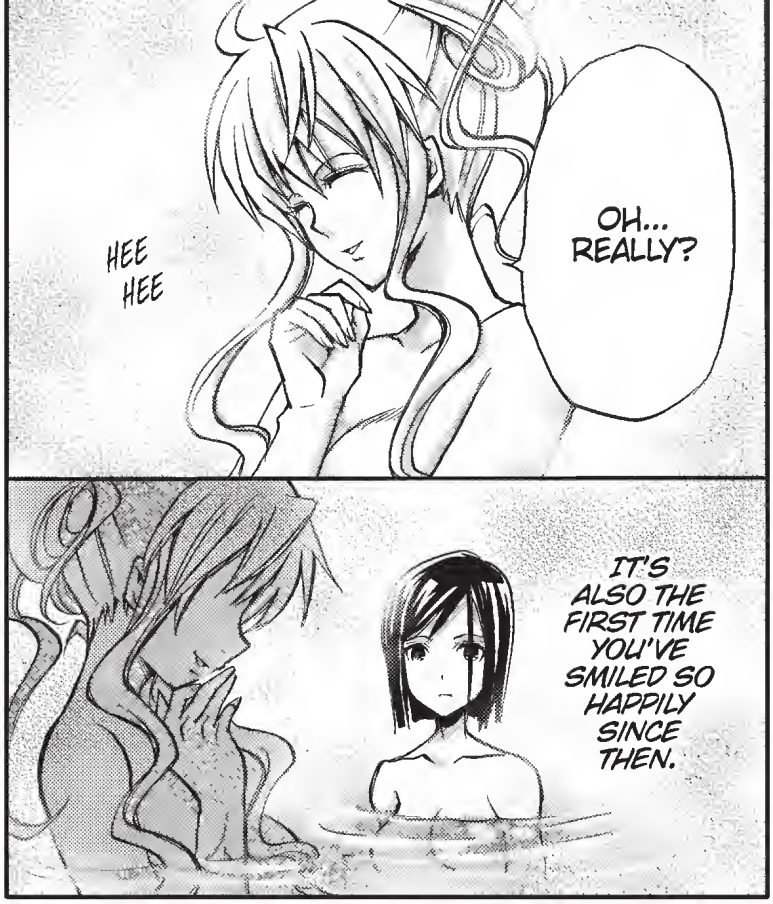
MIYUKI-ONEESAMA! WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE. THE JOINT STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING RAN LATE, SO I TOOK A SHORTCUT THROUGH HERE.
THIS IS THE SHIZUMA-SAMA WE KNOW.
WHAT A SPLENDID DECISION!
BRAVO!
CLAP
CLAP CLAP
YOU HAVE SELECTED THIS FOURTH-YEAR, MOON CLASS STUDENT, AOI NAGISA, TO BE YOUR PARTNER FOR THIS YEAR'S *ETOILE* COMPETITION. CORRECT?
IF I HEARD YOU RIGHT...
BUT I'M GLAD I MET YOU AT SUCH A PERFECT TIME, SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA.

AS ST. MIATOR'S STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, NOTHING COULD MAKE ME HAPPIER.
ACTUALLY, THERE WAS A SLIGHT UPROAR DURING THE JOINT STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING JUST NOW...
I SEE...
...
LULIM PRESIDENT CHIKARU SEEMS TO BE SUPPORTING SPICA'S "PRINCE."
AND IT SEEMS THAT THE MIATOR STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE VERY FRUSTRATED OVER THIS SITUATION.
I GET YOUR POINT.
TODAY IS THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR ENTRIES, CORRECT?
YES... YOU MUST ENTER BY SIX O'CLOCK TONIGHT.

LET'S GO, MIYUKI.
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, DO WE?
WE MUST HURRY.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA PROBABLY THINKS...
TAMAO-CHAN, WHAT IS SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA THINKING?
——.....

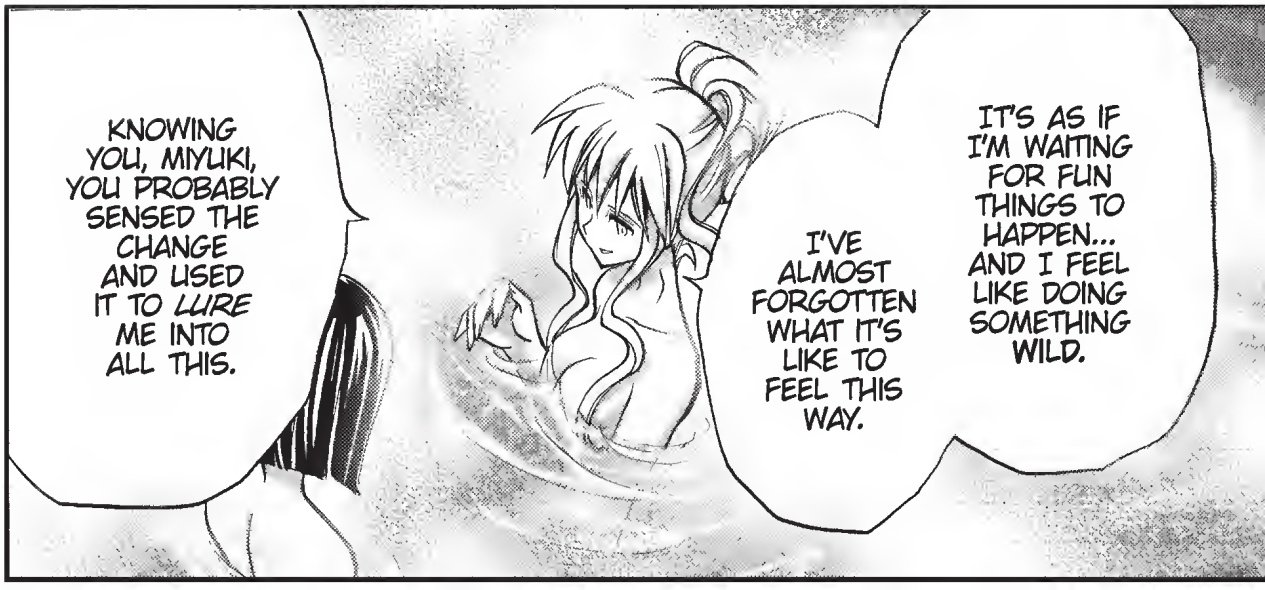
WHOOOOSH
SPLISH
THIS FEELS GREAT.
PHEW...
ABSO-LUTELY.
IT'S RARE THAT TWO PEOPLE GET TO HAVE THIS BATH ALL TO THEM-SELVES.

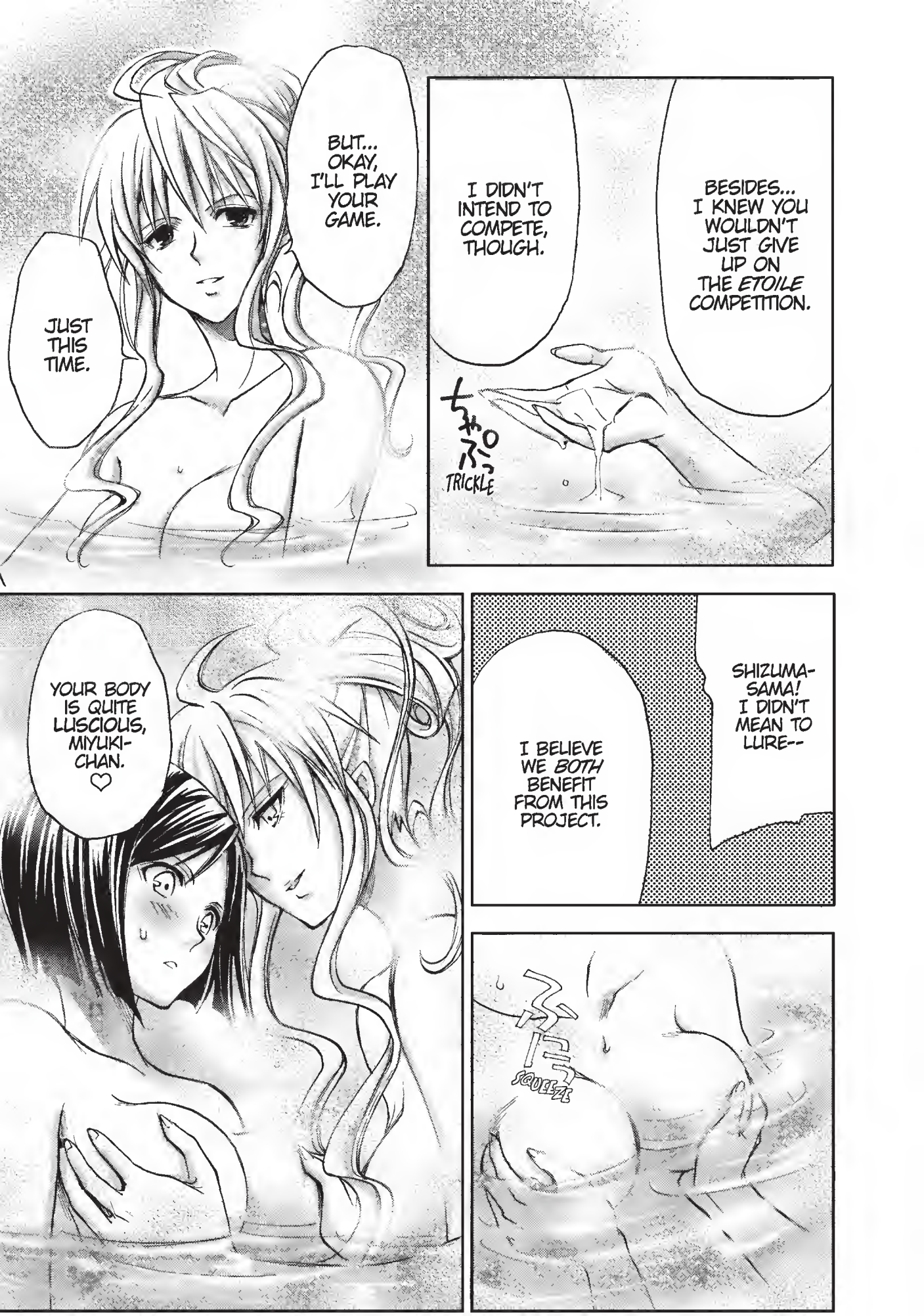
THANKS TO A CERTAIN SOMEONE, I MIGHT BE GETTING BUSIER SOON.
I'M GLAD, BECAUSE I WANTED TO RELAX A BIT.
UP UNTIL LAST YEAR.
YES.
DIDN'T WE USED TO HAVE SECRET TALKS LIKE THIS?
IT FEELS LIKE SUCH A LONG TIME HAS PASSED SINCE THEN... BUT THEN AGAIN, IT SEEMS LIKE IT JUST HAPPENED YESTERDAY.
OR, MAYBE I SHOULD SAY IT'S ONLY BEEN A YEAR... MAYBE.
LAST YEAR? IT'S BEEN A YEAR ALREADY?


HEE HEE
OH... REALLY?
IT'S ALSO THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE SMILED SO HAPPILY SINCE THEN.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN A YEAR THAT YOU'VE BROUGHT IT UP, SHIZUMA-SAMA.

COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAVEN'T FELT THIS CHEERFUL IN A LONG WHILE.


KNOWING YOU, MIYUKI, YOU PROBABLY SENSED THE CHANGE AND USED IT TO *LURE* ME INTO ALL THIS.
I'VE ALMOST FORGOTTEN WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FEEL THIS WAY.
IT'S AS IF I'M WAITING FOR FUN THINGS TO HAPPEN... AND I FEEL LIKE DOING SOMETHING WILD.


BUT... OKAY, I'LL PLAY YOUR GAME.
JUST THIS TIME.
I DIDN'T INTEND TO COMPETE, THOUGH.
BESIDES... I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T JUST GIVE UP ON THE *ETOILE* COMPETITION.
TRICKLE
YOUR BODY IS QUITE LUSCIOUS, MIYUKI-CHAN. ♡
I BELIEVE WE *BOTH* BENEFIT FROM THIS PROJECT.
SHIZUMA-SAMA! I DIDN'T MEAN TO LURE--
SQUEEZE

SHI-SHIZUMA-SAMA!
DRIP
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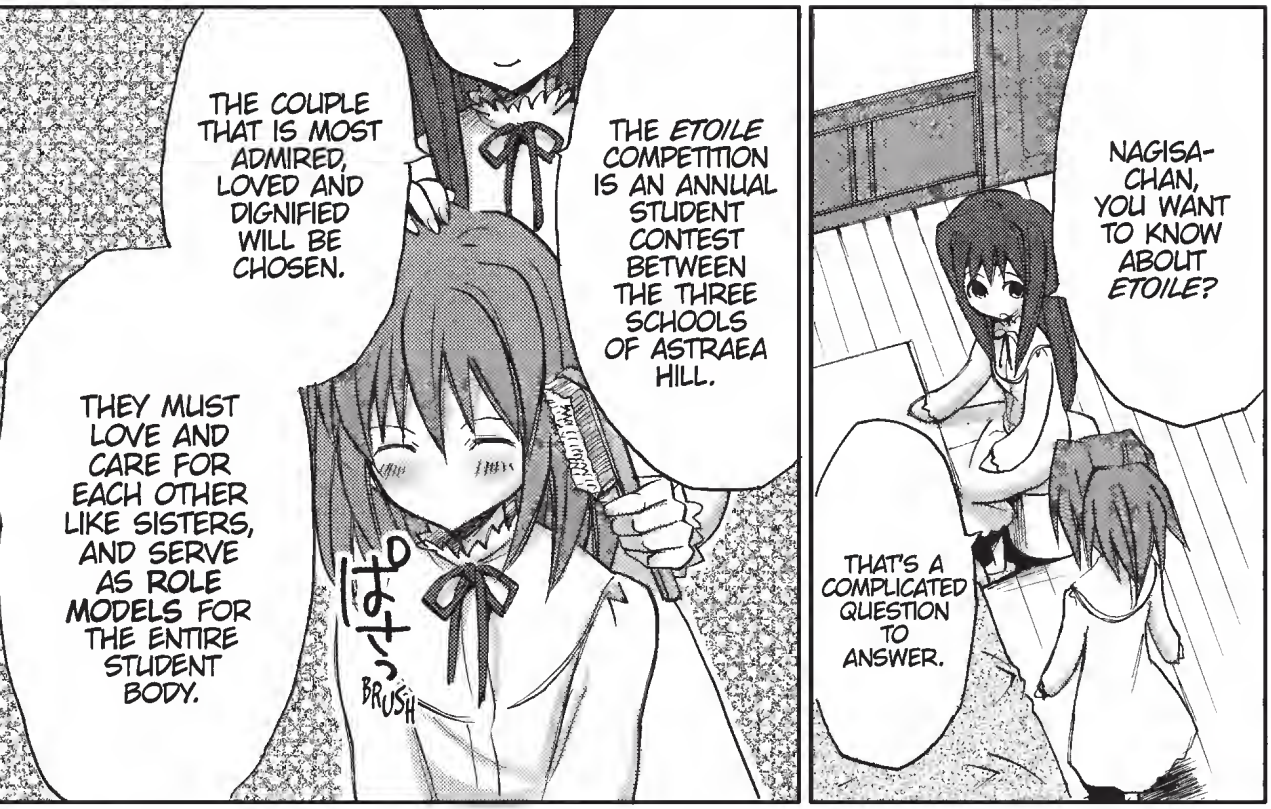
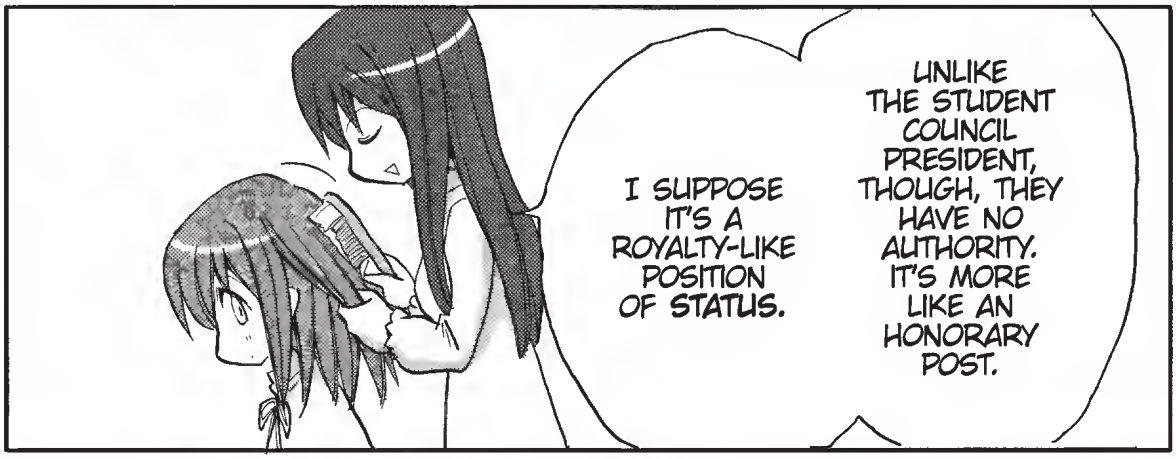
SPLASH
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO WASH YOU OFF?

FEELING DIZZY FROM THE HOT BATH ALREADY?
YOUR CHEEKS ARE RED, MIYUKI-CHAN.
NO, I COULDN'T DARE.
PAP
PAP
THAT WAS SCARY.
SHIZUMA-SAMA IS SO OVER-POWERING, ESPECIALLY IN A ONE-ON-ONE SITUATION.
THAT TRANSFER STUDENT SHIZUMA-SAMA LIKES...
WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HER.
POOR GIRL.

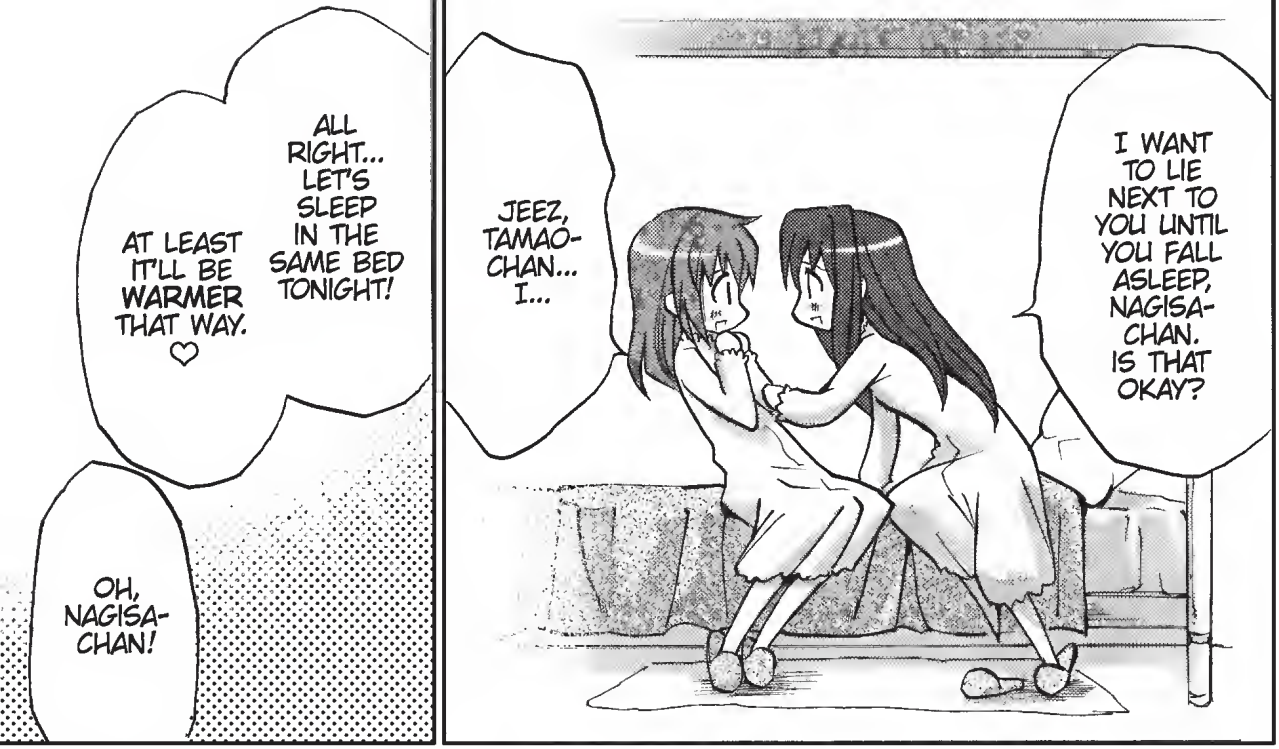
HEY, TAMAO-CHAN.
THIS AFTERNOON, WHEN SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED...
I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHAT HAPPENED.
SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA WENT WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MIYUKI-ONEESAMA, TO SIGN UP FOR THE *ETOILE* COMPETITION.
OH YEAH, I MEANT TO ASK. WHAT'S AN "*ETOILE*"?
IS IT A POSITION IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL OR SOME-THING?

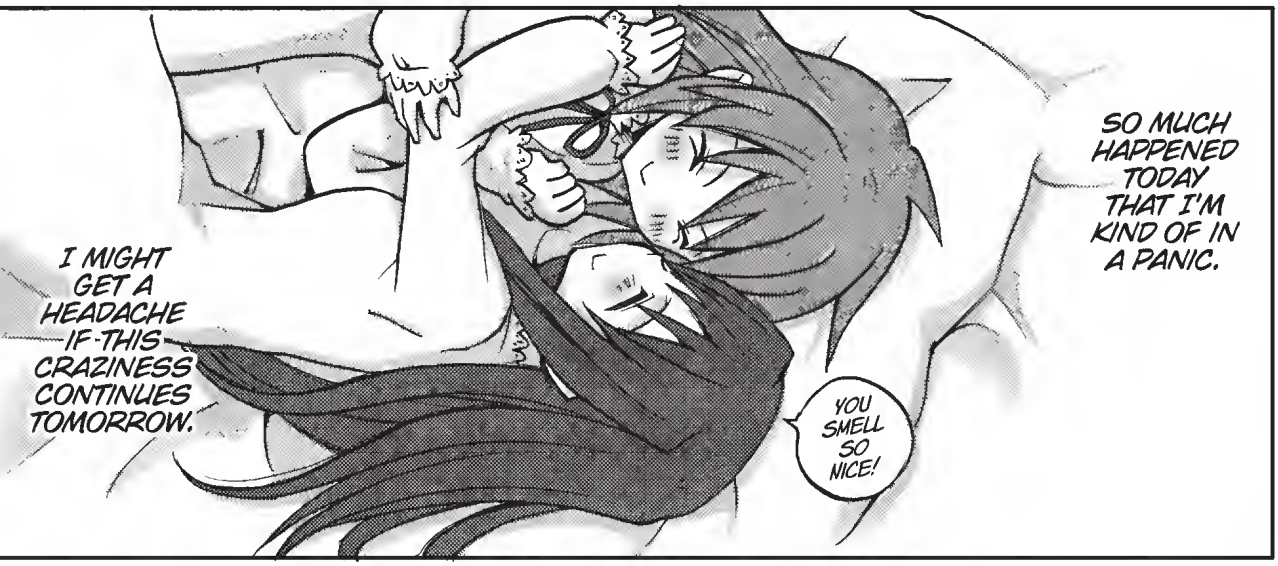

NAGISA-CHAN, YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ETOILE?
THAT'S A COMPLICATED QUESTION TO ANSWER.
THE ETOILE COMPETITION IS AN ANNUAL STUDENT CONTEST BETWEEN THE THREE SCHOOLS OF ASTRAEA HILL.
THE COUPLE THAT IS MOST ADMIRED, LOVED AND DIGNIFIED WILL BE CHOSEN.
THEY MUST LOVE AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER LIKE SISTERS, AND SERVE AS ROLE MODELS FOR THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY.
BRUSH

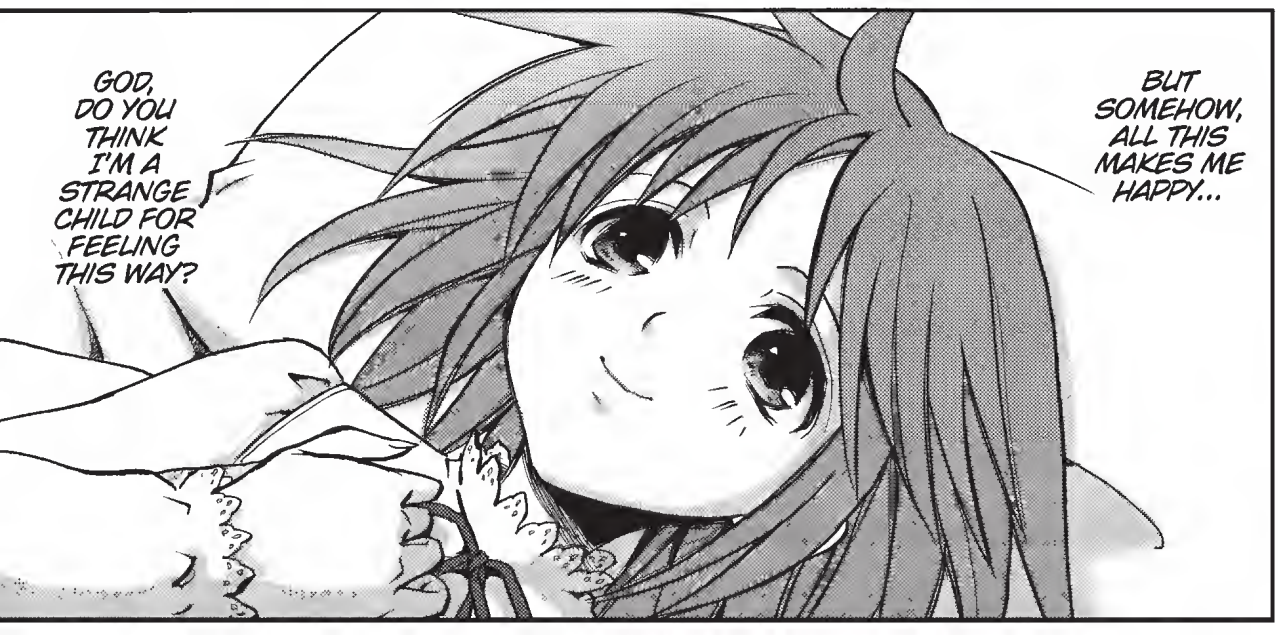

UNLIKE THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, THOUGH, THEY HAVE NO AUTHORITY. IT'S MORE LIKE AN HONORARY POST.
I SUPPOSE IT'S A ROYALTY-LIKE POSITION OF STATUS.

HMM... A ROYALTY-LIKE STATUS...

SEE, OVER AT SPICA, THEY HAVE A SUPERSTAR PRINCE THAT EVERYONE THINKS IS A SHOO-IN FOR THE ETOILE CROWN THIS YEAR. HER NICKNAME'S "PRINCE AMANE"!
REALLY ?!
HEH... GOSH, NAGISA-CHAN... OF COURSE SHE'S A GIRL!
BUT ONCE YOU SEE HER, YOU'LL KNOW EXACTLY WHY SHE'S CALLED A PRINCE.
HMM, I GUESS... I'D LIKE TO SEE HER THEN...
BUT, UHH... WAIT... A PRINCE?
BUT SHE'S A GIRL, RIGHT?
?
YOU'LL SEE HER SOON ENOUGH.
BECAUSE YOU AND SHIZUMA-ONEESAMA ARE IN THE ETOILE COMPETITION, TOO.
HEY, REALLY?!
HEE HEE... THAT'S ENOUGH SERIOUS TALK FOR TODAY.
NOW LET'S SLEEP TOGETHER, NAGISA-CHAN!
HUG

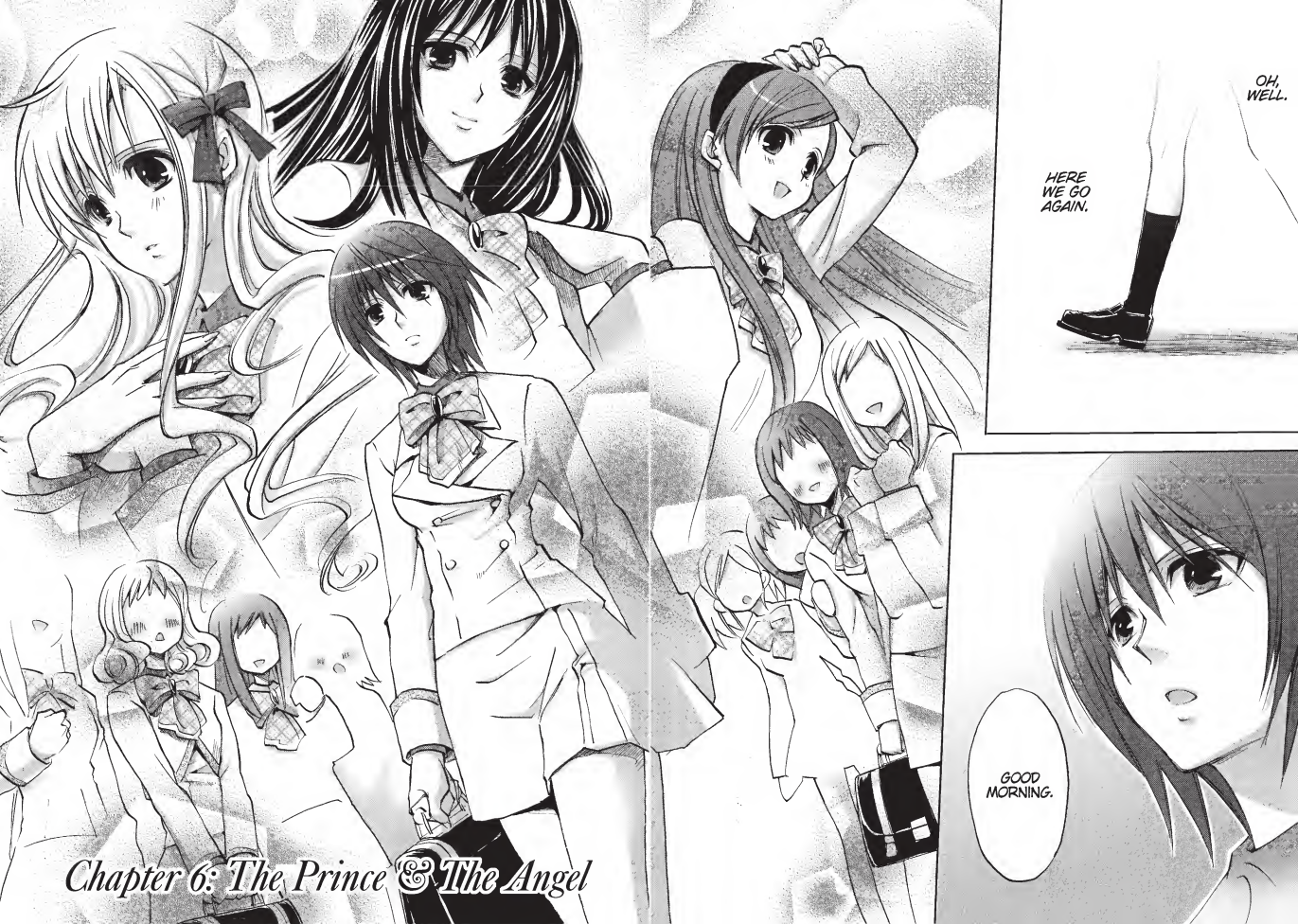

ALL RIGHT... LET'S SLEEP IN THE SAME BED TONIGHT!
AT LEAST IT'LL BE WARMER THAT WAY. ♡
OH, NAGISA-CHAN!
JEEZ, TAMAO-CHAN... I...
I WANT TO LIE NEXT TO YOU UNTIL YOU FALL ASLEEP, NAGISA-CHAN. IS THAT OKAY?


SO MUCH HAPPENED TODAY THAT I'M KIND OF IN A PANIC.
I MIGHT GET A HEADACHE IF THIS CRAZINESS CONTINUES TOMORROW.
YOU SMELL SO NICE!


BUT SOMEHOW, ALL THIS MAKES ME HAPPY...
GOD, DO YOU THINK I'M A STRANGE CHILD FOR FEELING THIS WAY?

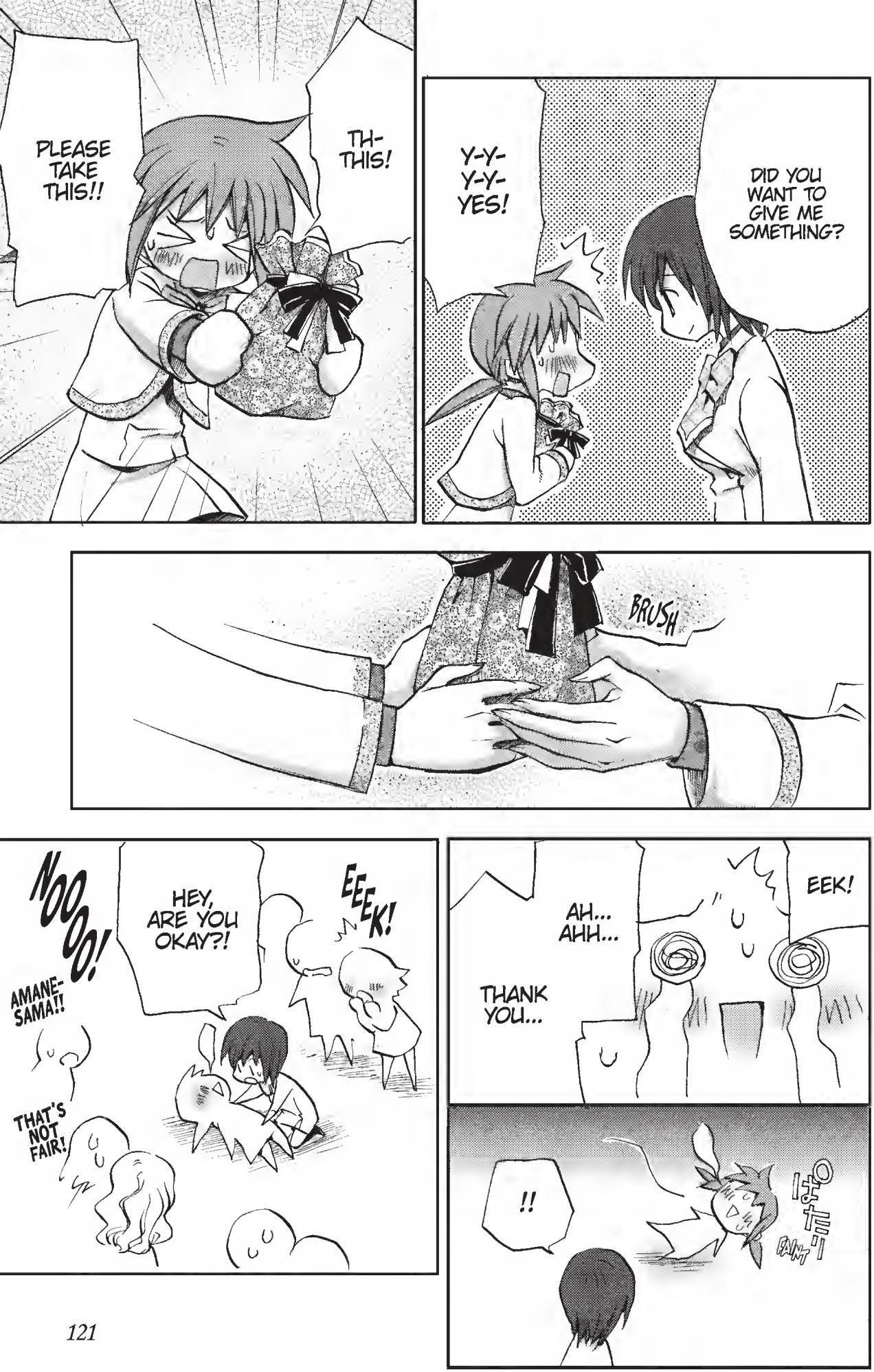
EITHER WAY...
I PRAY THAT
TOMORROW
WILL BE
ANOTHER
GREAT DAY!

IT HURTS EVERY MORNING.
MAN... MY HEAD HURTS.
WHY AM I ALWAYS WELCOMED TO SCHOOL LIKE THIS?
DO I ALWAYS HAVE TO WALK DOWN THIS PATH?
I'D... RATHER...
BIIING
BOONG
SHE'S HERE!!
FINALLY!
AH! IT'S TIME!



Chapter 6: The Prince & The Angel

GOOD MORNING!
GOOD MORNING, AMANE-SAMA.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING THIS MORNING?
AMANE-SAMA, MAY GOD'S BLESSING BE UPON YOU TODAY.
A-A-A-A-AMANE-SAMA!
CLATTER
CLATTER
A-A-A-A-A-AHH... UMM...
TREMBLE
AHH... SHE'S SAVING ME...
YES?


PLEASE TAKE THIS!!
TH-THIS!
Y-Y-Y-Y-YES!
DID YOU WANT TO GIVE ME SOMETHING?
BRUSH
NOOOO!
HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?!
EEEEK!
AMANE-SAMA!!
THAT'S NOT FAIR!
AH... AHH...
THANK YOU...
EEK!
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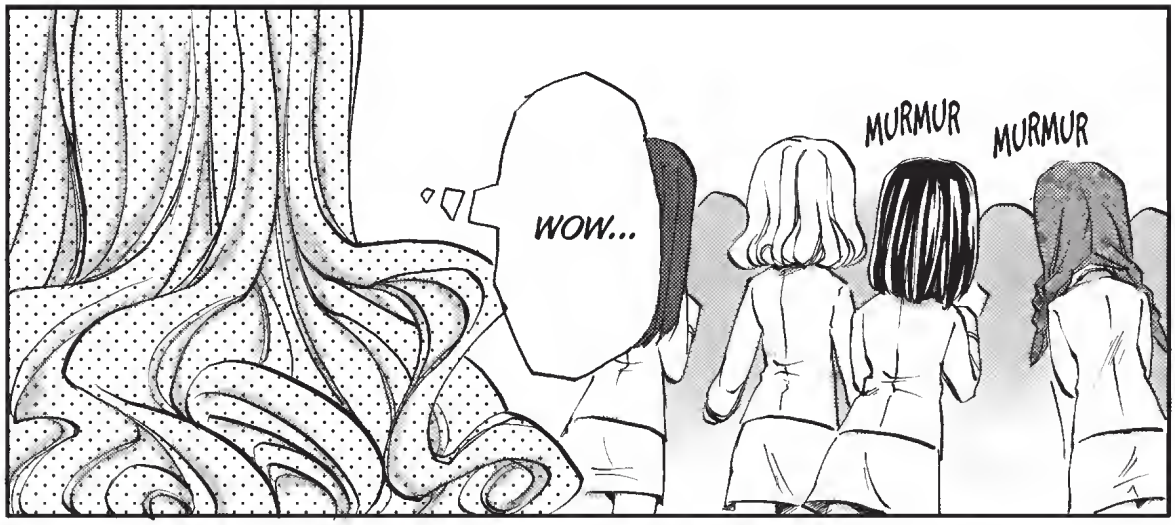
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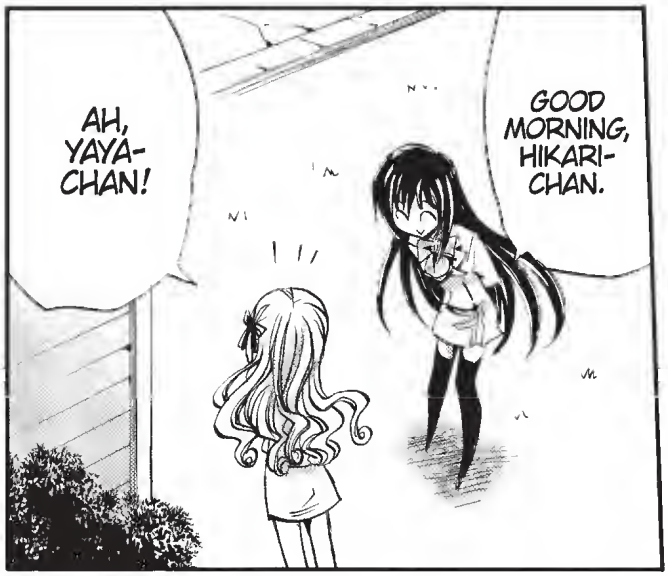
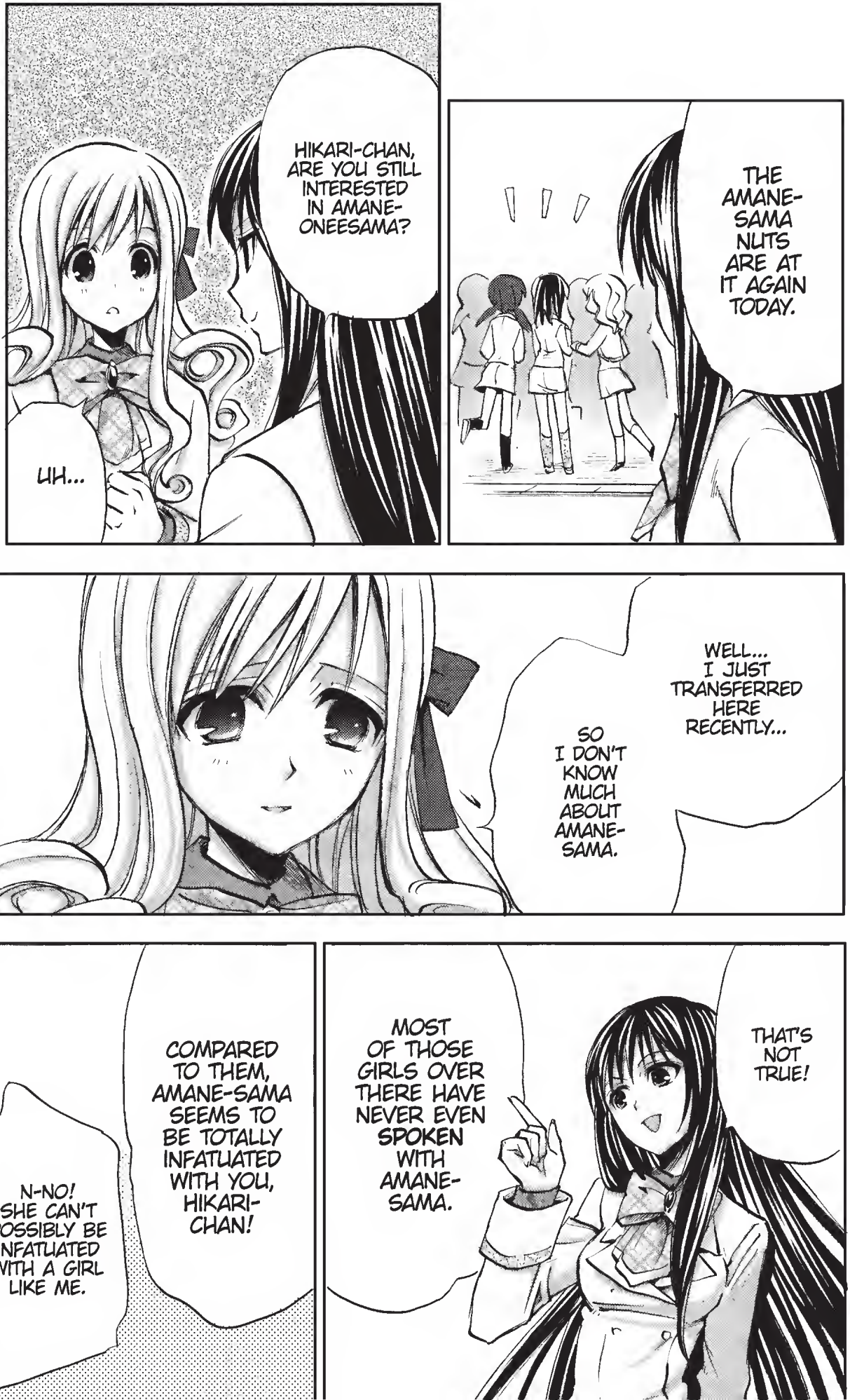
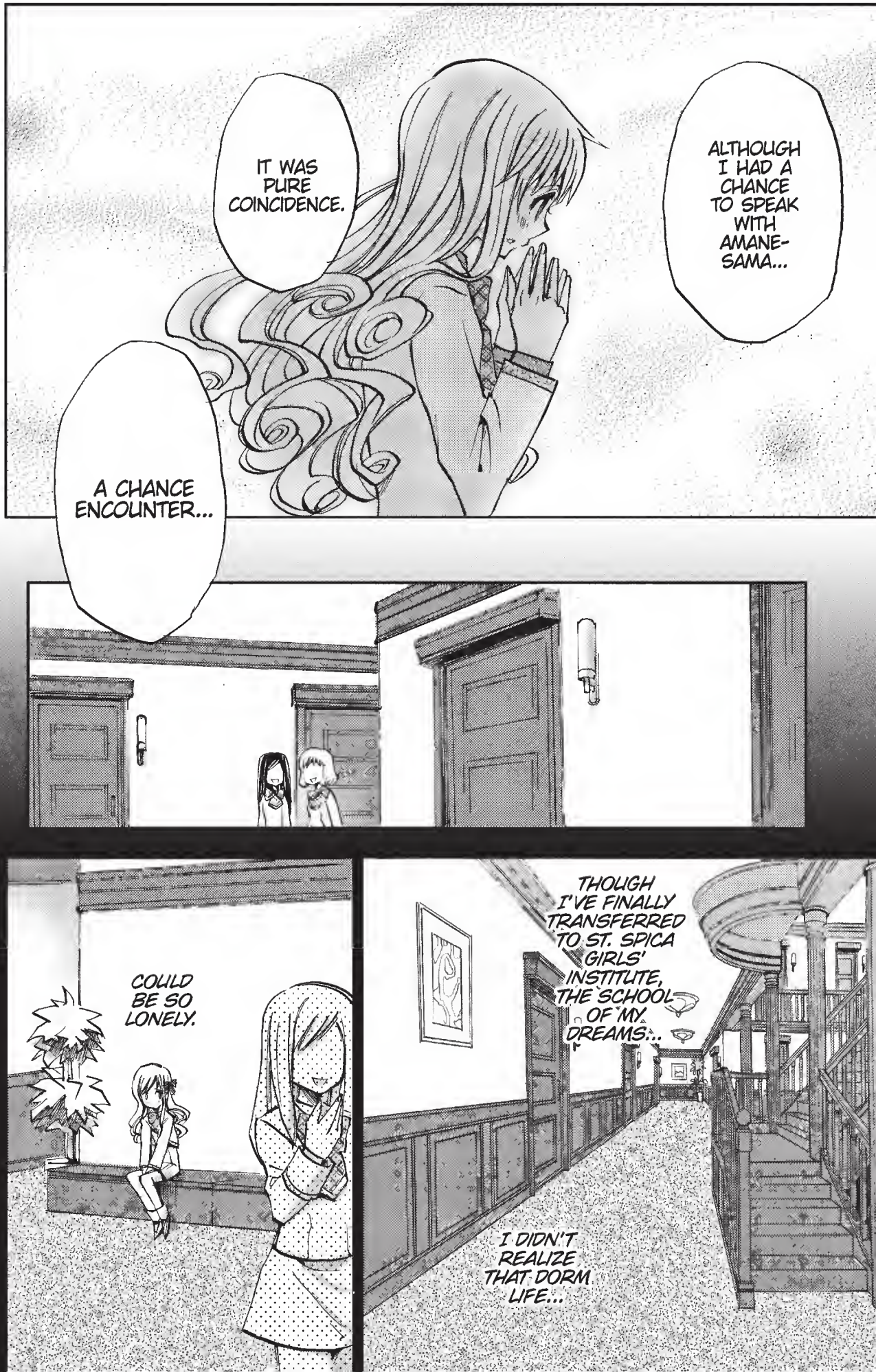
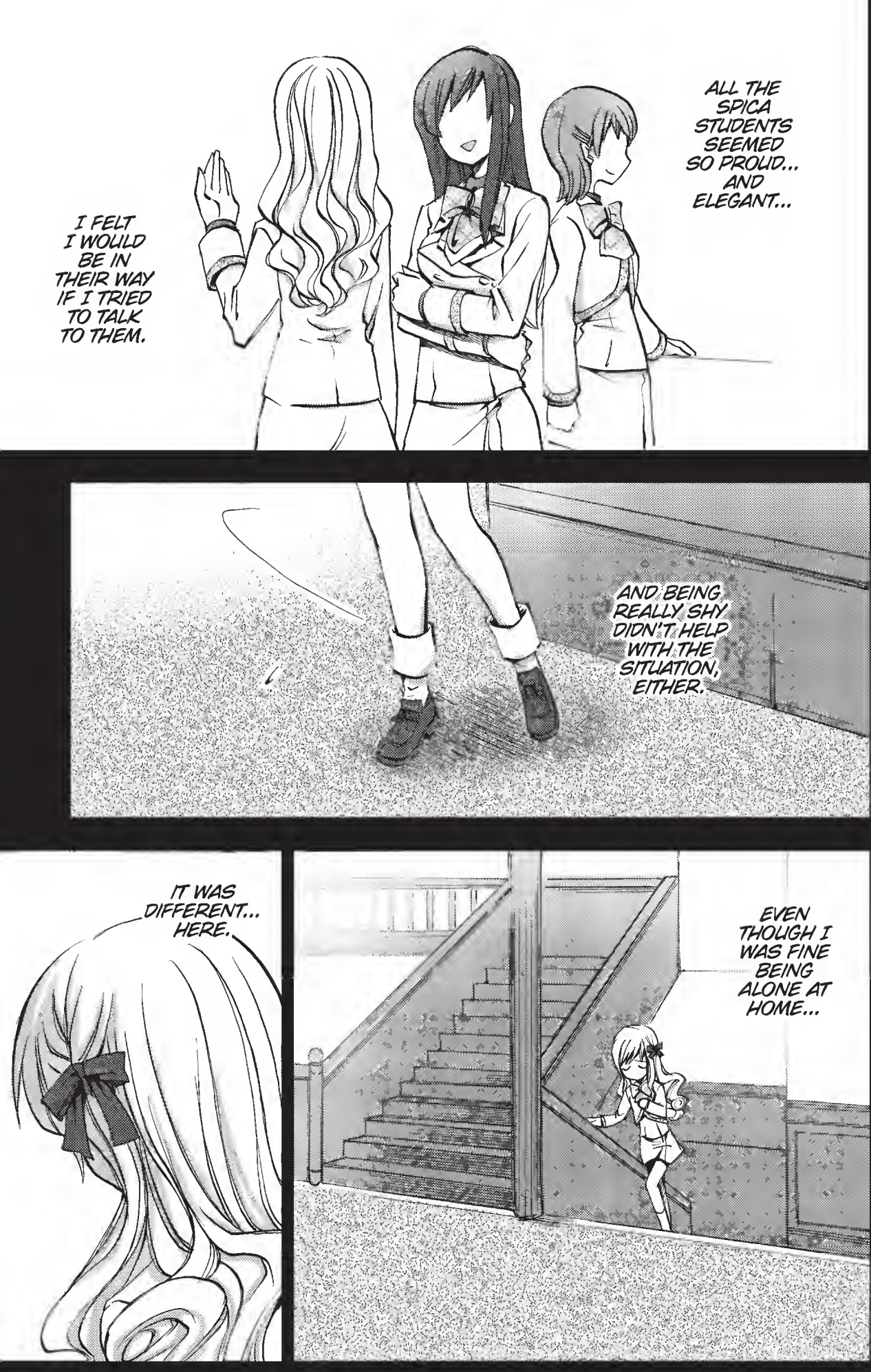

AH, YAYA-CHAN!
GOOD MORNING, HIKARI-CHAN.

HOW IMMENSELY POPULAR SHE WAS.
I DIDN'T KNOW...

TH-THANK YOU...
HMMM, YOU'RE CUTE AS EVER, HIKARI-CHAN. ♡

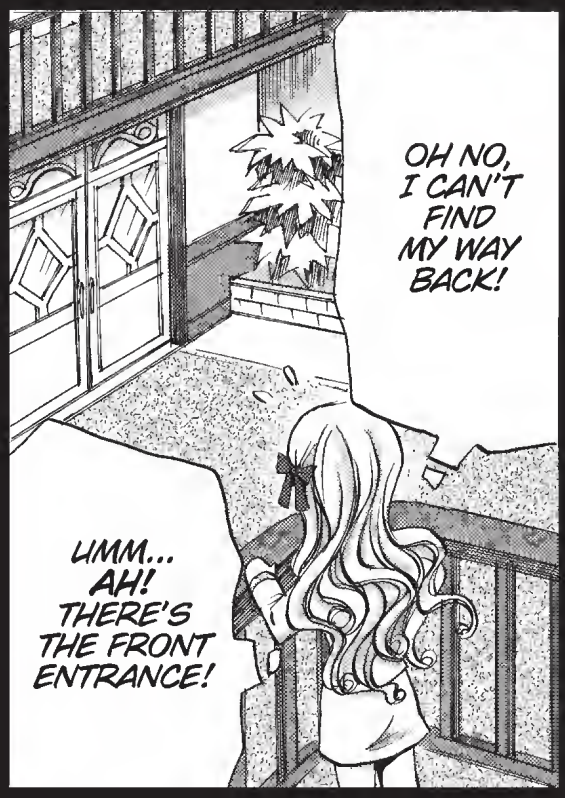

HIKARI-CHAN, ARE YOU STILL INTERESTED IN AMANE-ONEESAMA?
UH...
THE AMANE-SAMA NUTS ARE AT IT AGAIN TODAY.
WELL... I JUST TRANSFERRED HERE RECENTLY...
SO I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT AMANE-SAMA.
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
MOST OF THOSE GIRLS OVER THERE HAVE NEVER EVEN SPOKEN WITH AMANE-SAMA.
COMPARED TO THEM, AMANE-SAMA SEEMS TO BE TOTALLY INFATUATED WITH YOU, HIKARI-CHAN!
N-NO! SHE CAN'T POSSIBLY BE INFATUATED WITH A GIRL LIKE ME.

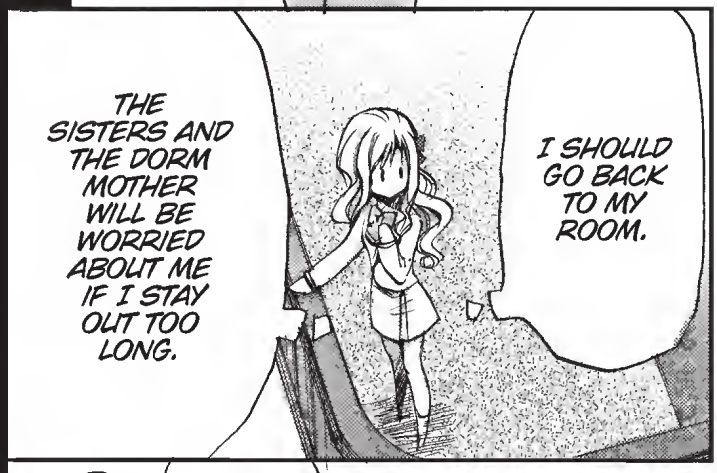

ALTHOUGH I HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH AMANE-SAMA...
IT WAS PURE COINCIDENCE.
A CHANCE ENCOUNTER...
THOUGH I'VE FINALLY TRANSFERRED TO ST. SPICA GIRLS' INSTITUTE, THE SCHOOL OF MY DREAMS...
I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT DORM LIFE...
COULD BE SO LONELY.

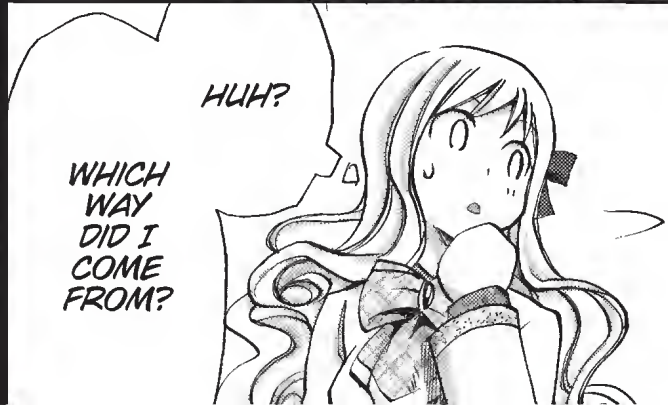

ALL THE SPICA STUDENTS SEEMED SO PROUD... AND ELEGANT...
I FELT I WOULD BE IN THEIR WAY IF I TRIED TO TALK TO THEM.
AND BEING REALLY SHY DIDN'T HELP WITH THE SITUATION, EITHER.
EVEN THOUGH I WAS FINE BEING ALONE AT HOME...
IT WAS DIFFERENT... HERE.

I'M... NO GOOD.
BEING HERE WON'T SOLVE MY PROBLEMS.

WHY... DO I FEEL SO LONELY HERE?


OH NO, I CAN'T FIND MY WAY BACK!
UMM... AH! THERE'S THE FRONT ENTRANCE!


I SHOULD GO BACK TO MY ROOM.
THE SISTERS AND THE DORM MOTHER WILL BE WORRIED ABOUT ME IF I STAY OUT TOO LONG.


HUH?
WHICH WAY DID I COME FROM?

THE FRONT ENTRANCE...
IF I LEAVE... I CAN GO BACK HOME...
HUH?
DRIP
DRIP
WHAT?
DRIP
TEARY
IT'S NOT THAT I HATE THIS PLACE.
THERE ARE SO MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE HERE, BUT...
OH, GOLLY...
I DIDN'T THINK... I WAS SO HOMESICK.

OH GOLLY, I CAN'T BE SEEN LIKE THIS!
SNIFF
THUMP THUMP
AH! SOME-ONE'S COMING!

PAUSE

STARTLE
THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP

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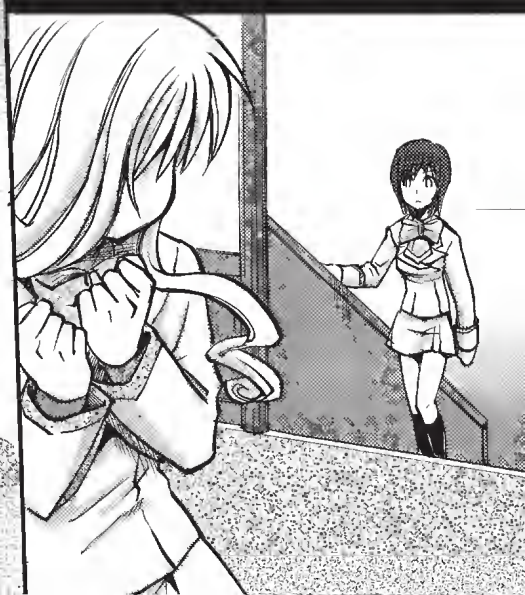

A PRINCE
?!
YOU AN ANGEL?
ARE...

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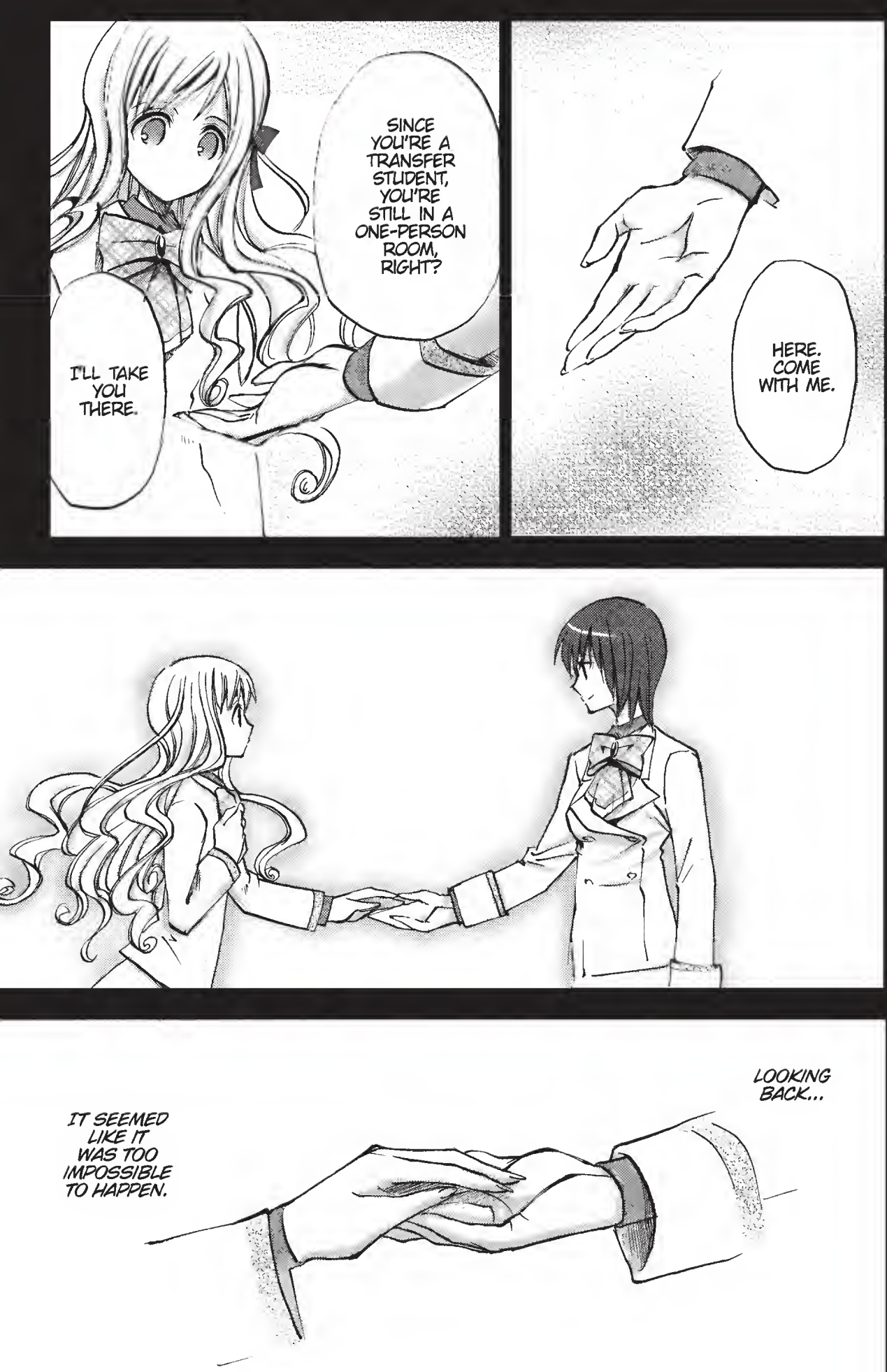
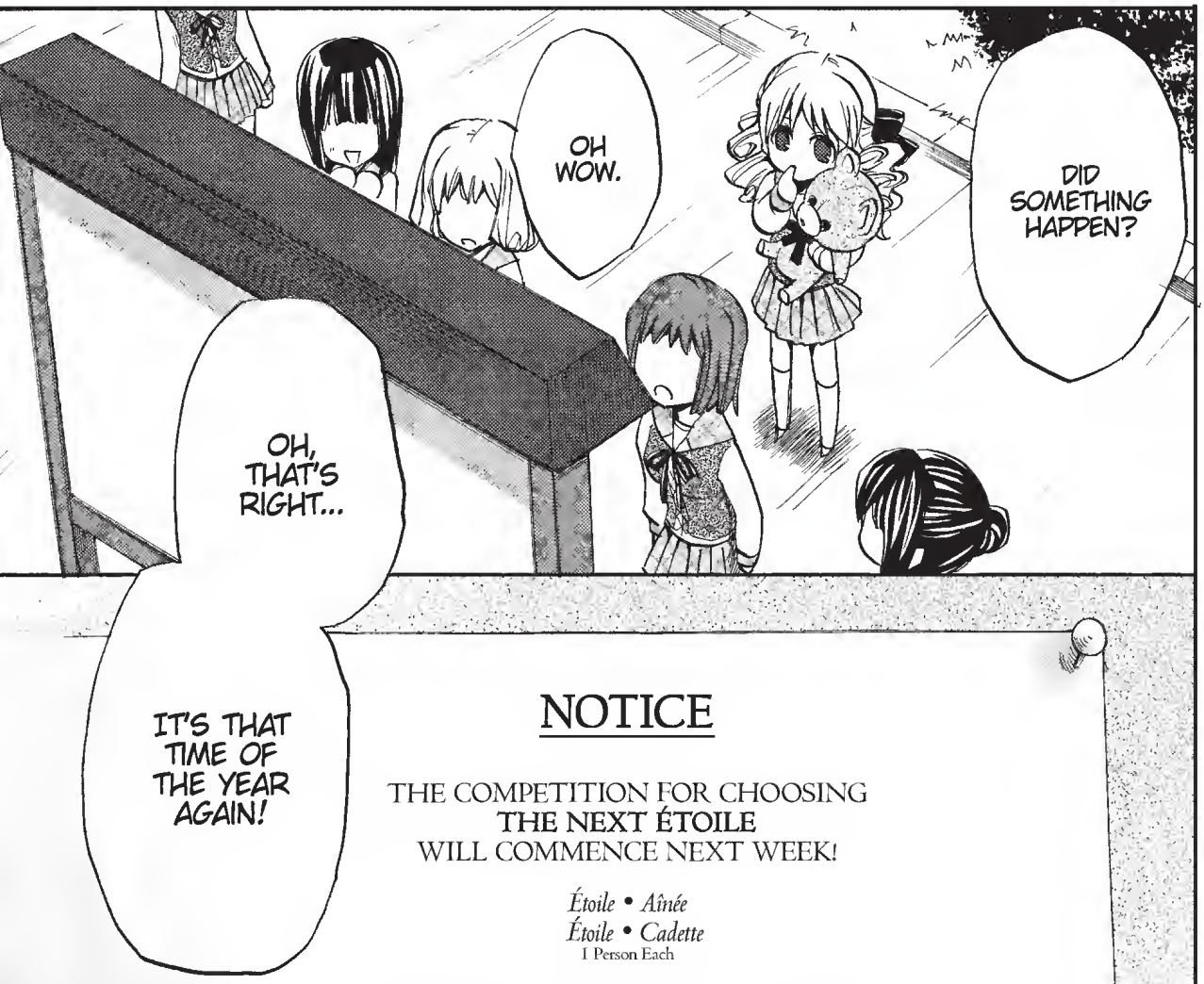
SHOCK
ARE YOU LOST?
UH... AH... Y-YES...
UMM... I RECENTLY TRANSFERRED HERE AND MOVED INTO THIS DORM...
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
AH... I'M... HIKARI... KONOHANA HIKARI...
HIKARI...
WHAT A LOVELY NAME. IT FITS YOU.


SINCE YOU'RE A TRANSFER STUDENT, YOU'RE STILL IN A ONE-PERSON ROOM, RIGHT?
I'LL TAKE YOU THERE.
HERE. COME WITH ME.
LOOKING BACK...
IT SEEMED LIKE IT WAS TOO IMPOSSIBLE TO HAPPEN.

I SOMETIMES WONDER IF THE KIND WAY SHE TREATED ME...
WAS JUST MY GREEDY IMAGINATION, OR A DREAM.
HEY, HIKARI-CHAN, LET'S COME TO SCHOOL TOGETHER EVERY MORNING!
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, HIKARI-CHAN!
AND YOU CAN'T COME TO SCHOOL WITH AMANE-ONEESAMA ANYWAY.
SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
OKAY...
AWESOME! HEE HEE HEE!



NOTICE

THE COMPETITION FOR CHOOSING
THE NEXT ÉTOILE
WILL COMMENCE NEXT WEEK!

Étoile • *Aînée*
Étoile • *Cadette*
1 Person Each

The method of competition will be *Trois Lumières.*

The final selection and
coronation are planned for **July.**

From now on, the *Étoile* Competition has the highest priority, and takes precedence over all other school events and activities. All students attending class at Astraea Hill should take pride in this competition.

– First Round –

L'Ouverture Brillante
Month of the Virgin Mary
Held in the two days before
the advent of St. Ranael

TWO DAYS PRIOR:

***Cadette* Competition:** TBA*
Location: Chapel Hall or Maiden Park.
* Will be announced on the day of event.

DAY PRIOR:

***Aînée* Competition:** The Fortress of Promises
Location: St. Spica Girls' Institute, Riding Grounds

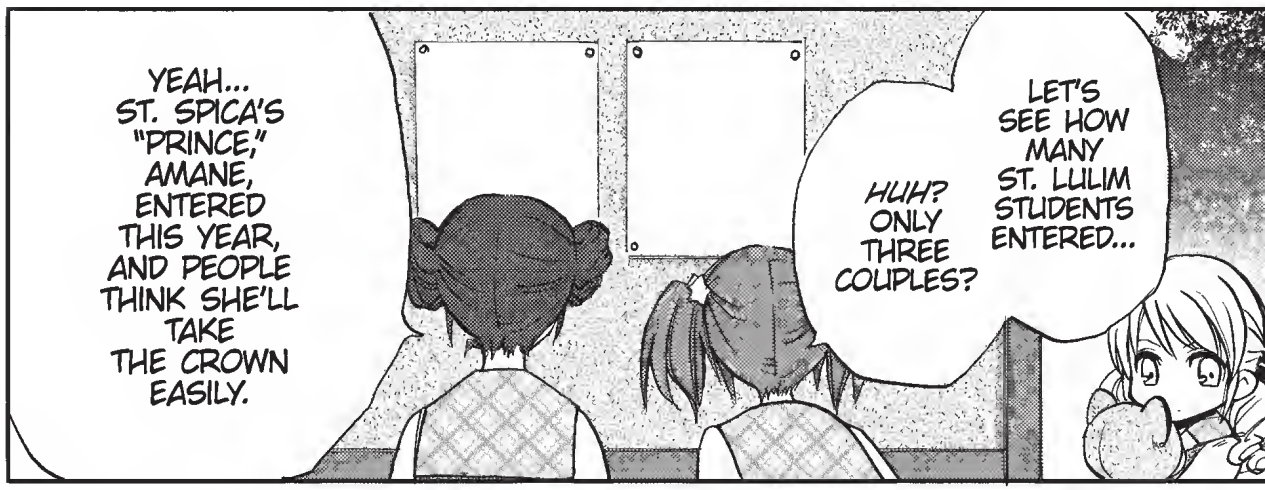
St. Spica Girls' Institute:
Year 5, Class *Trois* – Otori Amane
Year 4, Class *Deux* – Kenjo Kaname

St. Miator Girls' Academy:
Year 6, Snow Class – Hanazono Shizuma
Year 4, Moon Class – Aoi Nagisa

Total: 17 Couples

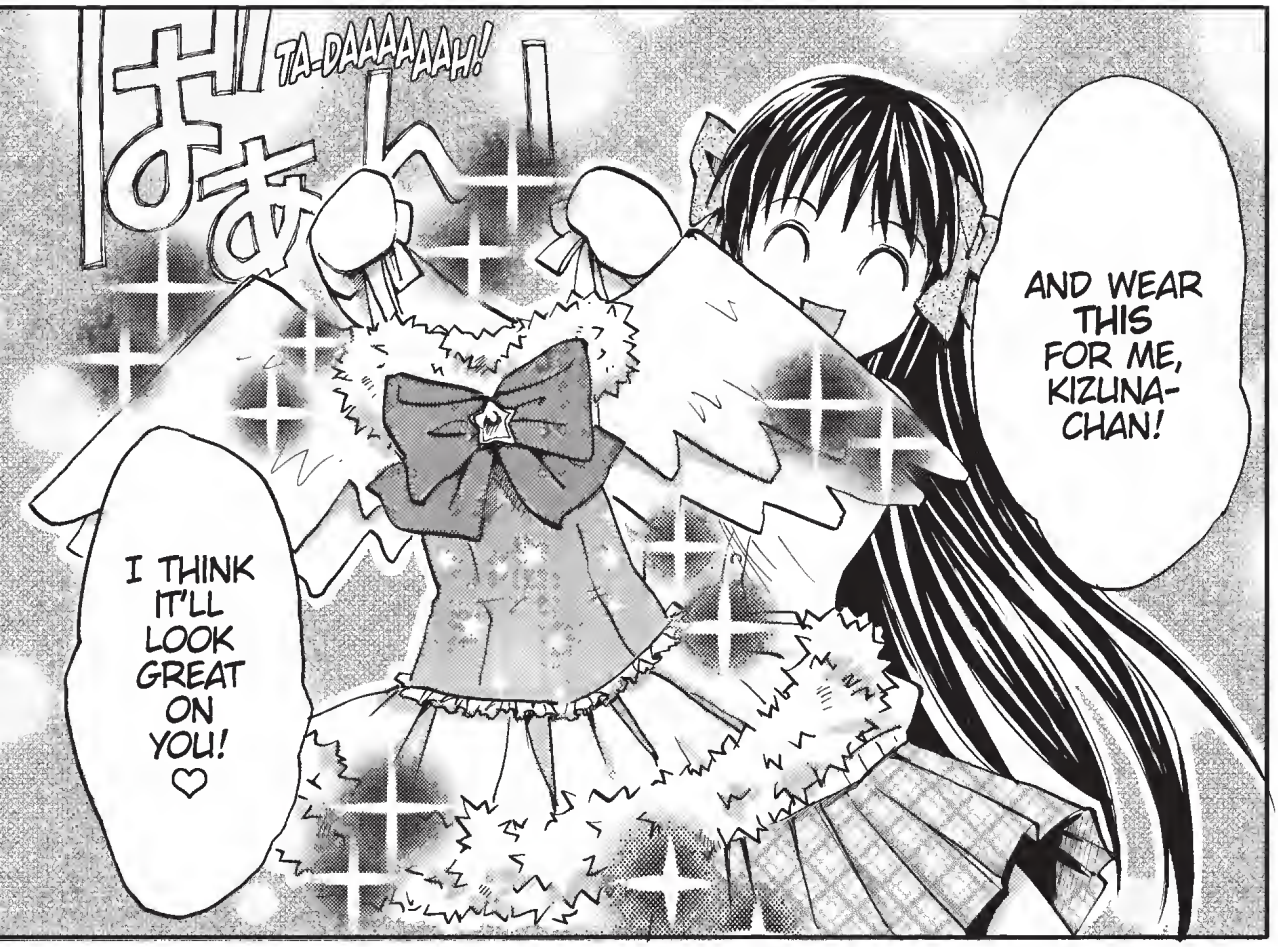
IS IT AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE *ETOILE* COMPETITION?

OH, IS THIS THE "STAR OF THE CAMPUS" CONTEST YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT, REMON-CHAN?



OHH... SHE'S HANDSOME, GALLANT AND STUNNING... JUST LIKE A REAL PRINCE!
BUT... SHE'S IMMENSELY POPULAR, AND IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS TO MEET HER.
OH, REMON-CHAN, DO YOU LIKE AMANE-CHAN, TOO?
I'M SURPRISED. ♡
CHIKARU-ONEESAMA!
N-NO! I-I-I- I DIDN'T MEAN THAT!!
I WANTED TO SAY... SHE HAD CHARISMA, THAT'S ALL...
HEE HEE... YOU'RE SO CUTE.
REMON-CHAN, IF YOU FEEL THAT WAY, YOU SHOULD ROOT FOR AMANE-CHAN TOO.

D-DID YOU... ENTER THE CONTEST, CHIKARU-ONEESAMA?!
AHHH !!
INITIALLY, IT WAS RUMORED THAT SPICA WOULD MOST LIKELY WIN THE ETOILE TITLE.
BUT LAST WEEK, THE WINDS SHIFTED...
HA HA HA...
WELL... IT MIGHT'VE BEEN INTERESTING IF I HAD, HUH?
SO, PUT THE COMPETITION ASIDE...
?
I'D TOTALLY RATHER HAVE SOMEONE I KNOW WEAR OUTFITS FOR ME. ♡
BUT INSTEAD OF ME WEARING ETOILE'S WONDERFUL OUTFIT...


TA-DAAAAAAH!
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AND WEAR THIS FOR ME, KIZUNA-CHAN!
I THINK IT'LL LOOK GREAT ON YOU! ♡

Y-YOU WANT ME TO WEAR... THIS?
SHOCK
I HAVE A LOT OF OTHER OUTFITS, TOO. SO THERE'S MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM! ♡
CHIKARU-ONEE-SAMA'S HOBBY IS SO CREEPY...

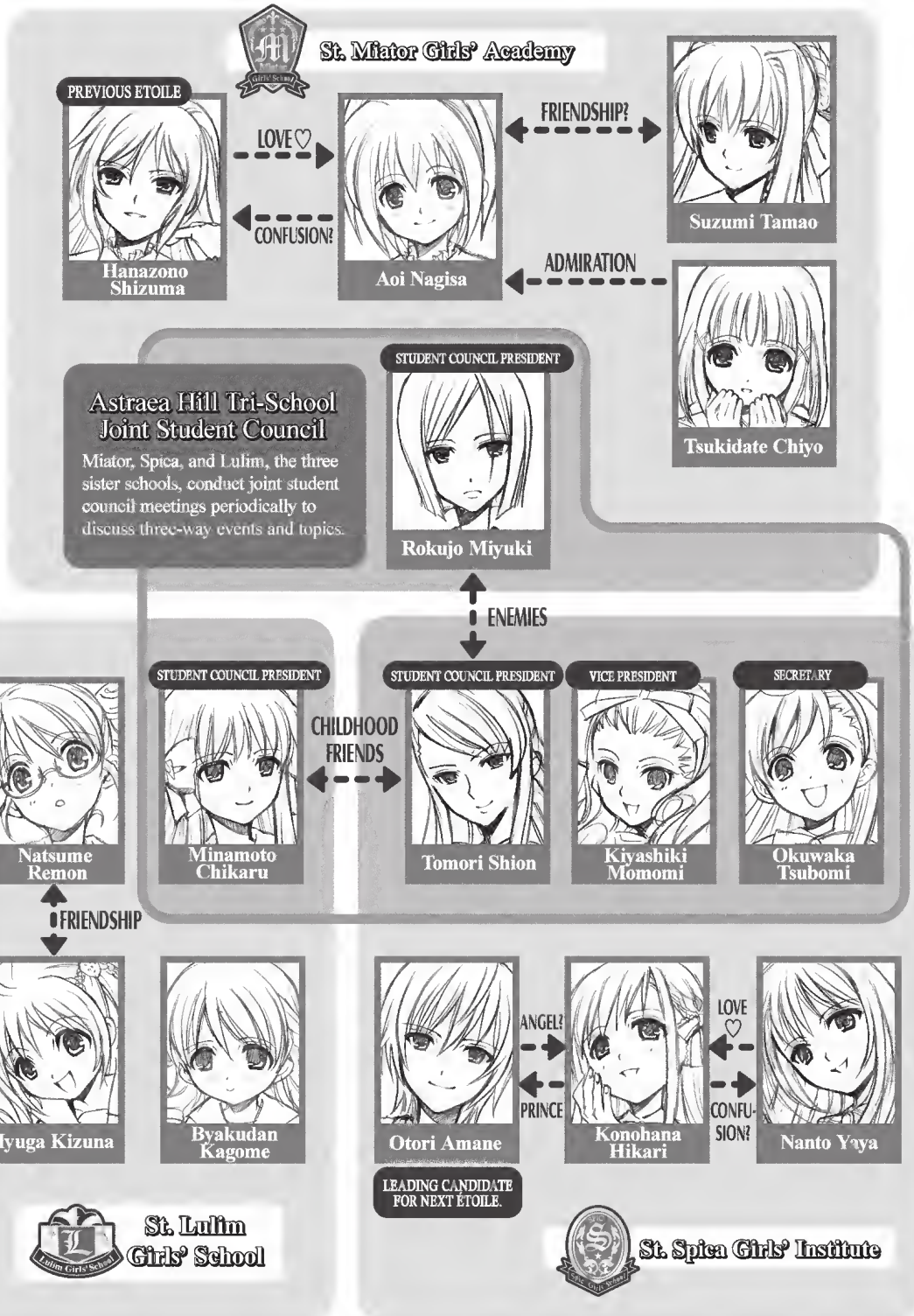
ST. SPICA GIRLS' INSTITUTE

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
WHAT A SICK JOKE!
THIS IS UNFOR-GIVABLE!!
STOMP
STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?!
BAM!
SHION!!

YOU'VE ARRIVED QUITE EARLY TODAY... *PRINCE* AMANE.
OH...
I AGREED TO ENTER THE *ETOILE* COMPETI-TION...
BECAUSE I LOVE ST. SPICA GIRLS' INSTITUTE. AND I ALSO **KNEW** I COULDN'T REFUSE THE REQUEST ANY LONGER. ***THAT'S*** **WHY!**
OR SHALL I ADDRESS YOU AS THE FUTURE *ETOILE* INSTEAD?
!!
YES.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER, SO WE'VE DONE OUR BEST TO PROVIDE THE MOST EFFECTIVE PLAN FOR YOU.

I'M DEEPLY HURT BY YOUR COMMENTS.
カキャッ
KA-CHA
SERIOUSLY, I AM CRUSHED! IT APPEARS THAT YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF MY FEELINGS FOR YOU, AMANE-SAMA.
THEN WHY?!
OF ALL PEOPLE, WHY IS SHE MY PARTNER?!
!!
ARE YOU THAT UNHAPPY YOU HAVE TO ENTER THE ETOILE COMPETITION WITH ME...
MY PRINCE...?

ASTRAEA HILL TRI-SCHOOL RELATIONSHIP CHART



STRAWBERRY PANIC STUDENT DIRECTORY

St. Lulim Girls' School

Fifth-Year, Class A

Minamoto Chikaru

Popular Lulim Student Council President who speaks gently, like the Virgin Mother. Enjoys dressing up her favorite girls in various costumes.

Second-Year, Class B

Byakudan Kagome

Always clings lovingly to her teddy bear friend. Takes naps anywhere.

Second-Year, Class B

Natsume Remon

Kizuna's classmate, Art Club member. Very bashful and stutters from nervousness when speaking to the famous upperclassman Chikaru.

Second-Year, Class B

Hyuga Kizuna

Bubbly girl, recently transferred to St. Lulim Girls' School. Cheery, fearless tomboy. Likes to hold hands.

Fourth-Year, Moon Class

Suzumi Tamao

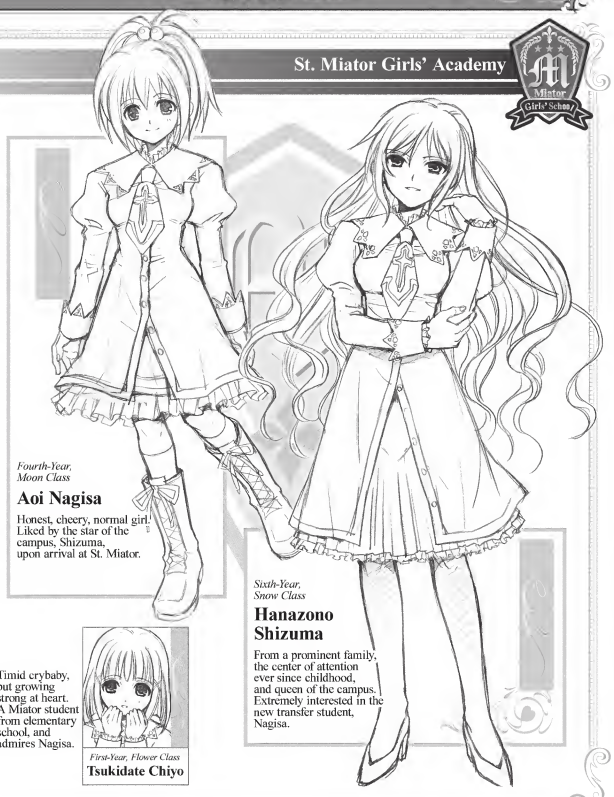
Nagisa's classmate and closest friend, and shares a dorm room with her. Cherishes Nagisa's purity and honesty.

St. Miator Girls' Academy Student Council President. Known for being a strategist, and nicknamed "Princess of Rokujo-in."

Fifth-Year, Flower Class

Rokujo Miyuki

St. Miator Girls' Academy



Fourth-Year, Moon Class

Aoi Nagisa

Honest, cheery, normal girl. Liked by the star of the campus, Shizuma, upon arrival at St. Miator.

Timid crybaby, but growing strong at heart. A Miator student from elementary school, and admires Nagisa.

First-Year, Flower Class

Tsukidate Chiyo

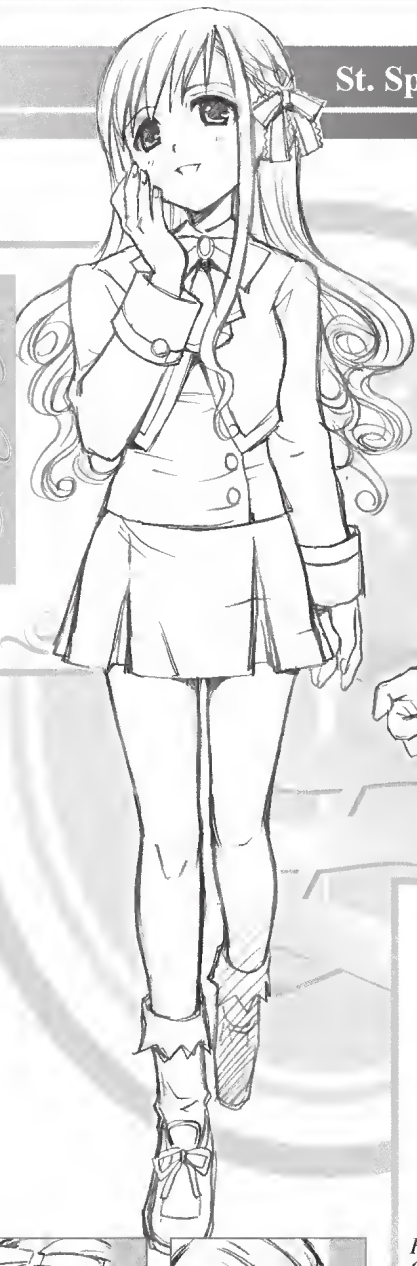
Sixth-Year, Snow Class

Hanazono Shizuma

From a prominent family, the center of attention ever since childhood, and queen of the campus. Extremely interested in the new transfer student, Nagisa.

※ **Note**: Being a fourth-year in Astraea schools is equivalent to being a first-year in Japanese high school (or a U.S. high school sophomore).

St. Spica Girls' Institute



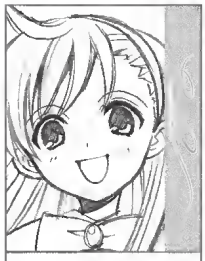
Third-Year, Class Un

Konohana Hikari

Very beautiful girl who loves beautiful things. Admires Amane ever since their first encounter, when she had just transferred to St. Spica Girls' Institute.

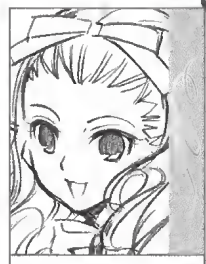
Third-Year, Class Un
Nanto Yaya

Hikari's classmate, who comes from a well-established noble family. Very amorous, but only seems to be interested in girls.



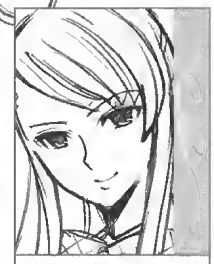
First-Year, Class Deux
Okukawa Tsubomi

Spica student since kindergarten and Spica Student Council Secretary. Cheery, upbeat personality, and brightens the mood wherever she is. Popular among the upperclassmen.



Fifth-Year, Class Un
Kiyashiki Momomi

Un-Japanese appearance, with hair in spiral curls. One of the top five stars of the Institute, and Spica Student Council Vice President.



Fifth-Year, Class Deux
Tomori Shion

Nicknamed "Snow Empress," she is the most intelligent student in Spica's history. Spica Student Council President; made plans for Amane to take the *Étoile* crown.

Fifth-Year, Class Trois

Otori Amane

Number one of the top five stars of the Institute. Most admired due to her prince-like, handsome appearance. A very shy person, despite her outward persona..

MAP OF ASTRAEA HILL

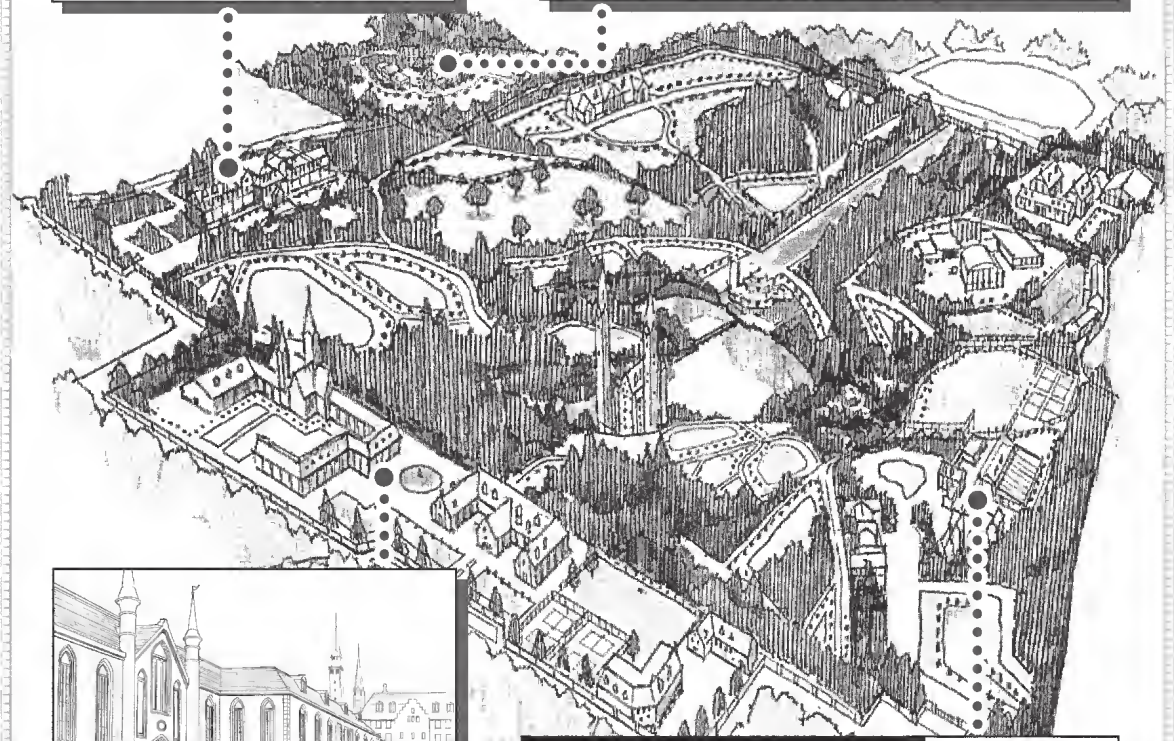
Astraea Hill first had a convent of nuns, with the St. Miator Girls' Academy built next to it. Eventually, two other sister schools, Spica and Lulim, were built. The three schools are surrounded by gardens, nicknamed "Maiden Park," that only the sisters and their students are allowed to enter.

St. Lulim Girls' School

Newest sister school built. Educational policy is to create a new generation of "good Japanese housewives," and is more informal than the other schools. Has many active small clubs with unusual themes.

Astraea Hall (Strawberry Dorms)

Dormitory made for students who live far from the schools. Each school has one side each of the triangular building, nicknamed "Strawberry Dorms."



St. Miator Girls' Academy

Built first, next to the convent. Strictest school in Astraea, with many students from noble families. The majority of students are engaged by graduation.

St. Spica Girls' Institute

Aimed to develop independent women that will make great contributions to modern society, and built after Miator.Has many sports clubs, with horse riding grounds and pool facilities built on campus.

Sensei – Literally meaning "one who has come before," this title is used for teachers, doctors, or masters of any profession or art.

Oniisan – This title literally means "big brother." First and foremost, it is used by younger siblings towards older male siblings. It can be used by itself or attached to a person's name as a suffix (niisan). It is often used by a younger person toward an older person unrelated by blood, but as a sign of respect. Other forms include the informal "oniichan" and the more respectful "oniisama."

Oneesan – This title is the opposite of "oniisan" and means "big sister." Other forms include the informal "oneechan" and the more respectful "oneesama."

TRANSLATION NOTES

Aînée - Older sister

Cadette - Younger sister

Étoile - Star

L'Ouverture Brillante - The brilliant overture (beginning)

Trois Lumières - Three lights

JAPANESE HONORIFICS GUIDE

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The following are some of the more common honorifics you may come across while reading this and other books:

-san – The most common of all honorifics, it is an all-purpose suffix that can be used in any situation where politeness is expected. Generally seen as the equivalent to Mr., Miss, Ms., Mrs., etc.

-sama – This suffix is one level higher than "-san" and is used to confer great respect upon an individual.

-kun – This suffix is commonly used at the end of boys' names to express either familiarity or endearment. It can also be used when addressing someone younger than oneself or of a lower status.

-chan – Another common honorific. This suffix is mainly used to express endearment towards girls, but can also be used when referring to little boys or even pets. Couples are also known to use the term amongst each other to convey a sense of cuteness and intimacy.

Sempai – This title is used towards one's senior or "superior"in a particular group or organization. "Sempai" is most often used in a school setting, where underclassmen refer to upperclassmen as "sempai," though it is also commonly said by employees when addressing fellow employees who hold seniority in the workplace.

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Welcome to the world of *Strawberry Panic*, where *love* is always in full bloom!

For new transfer student Aoi Nagisa, St. Miator Girls' Academy offers her the chance at a fresh start and a way to redefine herself for the better. Now if only she could figure out where those darn dorm rooms are... and that's when girl meets *girl*!

Enter Hanazono Shizuma, whose porcelain white skin and goddess-like beauty leaves Nagisa utterly speechless. But little does she know that Shizuma is a heartbreaker who has set her sights on Nagisa. Will Nagisa end up another notch in Shizuma's belt or does fate have other plans in store for the new couple?

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